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GERMANY'S REPARATION PAYMENTS.

ALLIED EXPERTS' REPORT.

HOW THE MONEY IS TO BE FOUND.

BUDGET REVENUES LEFT INTACT.

FOREIGN LOANS AND RAILWAY EARNINGS.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, April 9.

It is noteworthy that under the experts' recommendations the Allies would make no direct call upon Germany's budget revenues in the next two years, seeing that the payment of a milliard gold marks in 1924-25 would be provided for by means of a foreign loan of eight hundred million gold marks and two hundred millions from the railways.

The payment of 1,220 millions in 1925-26 would be obtained in respect of 595 millions from railways, 125 millions from industrial debentures, and five hundred millions from the sale of railway companies' shares.

The payment of twelve hundred millions in 1926-27 would comprise 550 million from railways, 290 millions from transport tax, 250 millions from industrial debentures and only 110 millions from budget revenues.

The payment of the 750 millions in 1927-28 would comprise 660 millions from railways, 290 millions from transport tax, 300 millions from industrial debentures and 500 millions from budget revenues.

The experts assume that Germany's financial and economic situation will have returned to normal by the end of 1928-29.

The payment of 250 millions that year would comprise 660 millions from railways, 290 millions from transport tax, 200 millions from industrial debentures and 1250 millions from budget revenues.

FRENCH AND GERMAN COMMENT.

PARIS, April 9.

The evening newspapers comment favourably on the expert reports. These they consider have their value from unanimity and will justify French policy.

The Temps, referring to the experts' recommendation that France and Belgium forthwith abandon the exploitation of the Ruhr and Rhineland, pledges while claiming "substitute completion guarantees," says France realises the extent of the sacrifice asked, but is ready to raise no obstacle to the agreement proposed.

BERLIN, April 9.

Early newspaper views vary from the Nationalist Deutsche Zeitung which regards the Dawes letter as distinctly pro-German and anti-French, to the Deutsche Allgemeine, the industrialist's organ, which is a present prepared to concede that a great attempt has been made to solve the reparations questions in a businesslike manner.

BERLIN, April 10.

Political circles regard the experts' decisions as far as they are already known as "containing the possibility of discussion."

The opinion is held that the figures are far too high, but the proposals are assured, of thorough examination.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

NEW EVICTIONS BILL.

RELIEF FOR THE TENANT.

LONDON, April 9.

In the House of Commons a new Evictions Bill was introduced by Captain Wedgwood Benn prohibiting the eviction of distressed tenants and providing for the reimbursement of claims by local authorities.

The tenant will be provided with a certificate of immunity from eviction. The local authorities will investigate applicants' resources and if necessary supplement them sufficiently to enable him to retain his home and will be entitled to claim a refund of part of the money they have spent from the Treasury.

The Bill passed its first reading.

STILL HOPE.

SHIPYARD LOCK-OUT AVERTED.

ANOTHER CHANCE.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, April 9.

The conference of the London shipyard unions involved in the Southampton strike has reported that as there was not a two-thirds majority for continuing the strike the Executive of each affiliated Union has ordered the men to return to work tomorrow.

It is hoped this will avert the lockout.

LONDON, April 9.

The lock-out notices have been withdrawn in the case of the Shipwrights Society which expelled its twelve hundred Southampton members.

The operation of the lock-out has been suspended in the case of the other shipyard Unions till April 11, to give the Southampton members a further opportunity of resuming work.

DEEDS NOT WORDS.

FRANCE'S HINT TO RUSSIA.

RECOGNITION STIPULATIONS.

PARIS, April 9.

Speaking in the Senate, M. Poincaré defined France's attitude towards Russia. He stated that it was not because of Russia's internal regime that France had not resumed relations but because the Soviet had not agreed to the settlement of outstanding economic questions. This attitude coincided with the United States' attitude.

M. Poincaré said he had sent a note to Britain regarding the forthcoming Anglo-Russian negotiations drawing attention to the position of owners of Russian bonds and submitting that any settlement reached must apply to the whole Russian debt. He had asked Britain to have regard to this.

At the same time he had instructed the French Ambassador not to make formal refusals in the event of Britain desiring France to participate in the Anglo-Russian conversations.

He was quite ready to resume conversations when Russia showed herself disposed to pass from words to deeds.

France was not placing obstacles in the way of private enterprise with Russia.

RUSSIANS IN LONDON.

LONDON, April 9.

The Russian negotiators, headed by M. Rakovsky, arrived in London to-night.

PEACE WITH TURKEY.

COMMONS PASS THE TREATY.

LLOYD GEORGE'S ATTACK.

LONDON, April 9.

The House of Commons unanimously passed the second reading of the Treaty of Peace with Turkey Bill.

Mr. Lloyd George criticised the treaty as humiliating, cowardly and possibly calamitous, but Mr. Baldwin thought a remarkable feat had been performed in view of the interval that had elapsed between the conclusion of hostilities and signature of the treaty.

Mr. MacDonald, winding up the debate, emphasised the desirability of passing the bill in order that we should be enabled to conclude ratification forms and regularise the position with Turkey.

MINERS' WAGES.

BALLOT OVER OWNERS' OFFER.

(Reuter's General Service.)

London, April 9.

The results of the North of England miners' ballots on the owners' terms, hitherto received show that the Northumberland, North Staffordshire, Yorkshire and Leicestershire miners are in favour of acceptance by substantial majorities, but the Lancashire and Cheshire miners' returns indicate a large vote against acceptance in consequence of a recommendation by the local federation.

[The miners' delegate conference decided to take a ballot on the recommendation to reject the coal owners' final offer to increase the minimum rate of wages from 20 to 28 1/4 per cent. and to give 87 per cent. of any surplus to wages and 13 per cent. to profits instead of the present 83 per cent. and 17 per cent. division.]

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

DR. LASKER'S LEADING POSITION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 9.

By defeating Reti in the 16th round of the chess tournament Dr. Lasker, has drawn well into the leading position, in view of Capablanca's only drawing with Marshall.

HOLLAND AND RUSSIA.

NEGOTIATIONS BEING RESUMED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

The Hague, April 9.

It is stated that negotiations between Soviet Russia and the Netherlands which were recently broken off will shortly be resumed.

EMPIRE CRUISE.

SPECIAL SQUADRON AT SYDNEY.

Sydney, April 9.

The British service squadron has arrived and was enthusiastically greeted by hundreds.

QUICK JUSTICE.

AMERICANS' MURDERERS KILLED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

London, April 9.

A message from Tirana states that the Albanian gendarmerie killed two and wounded one of the murderers of the Americans Delong and Coleman.

The other three escaped and were pursued by gendarmes.

FRANCE'S SHIPPING.

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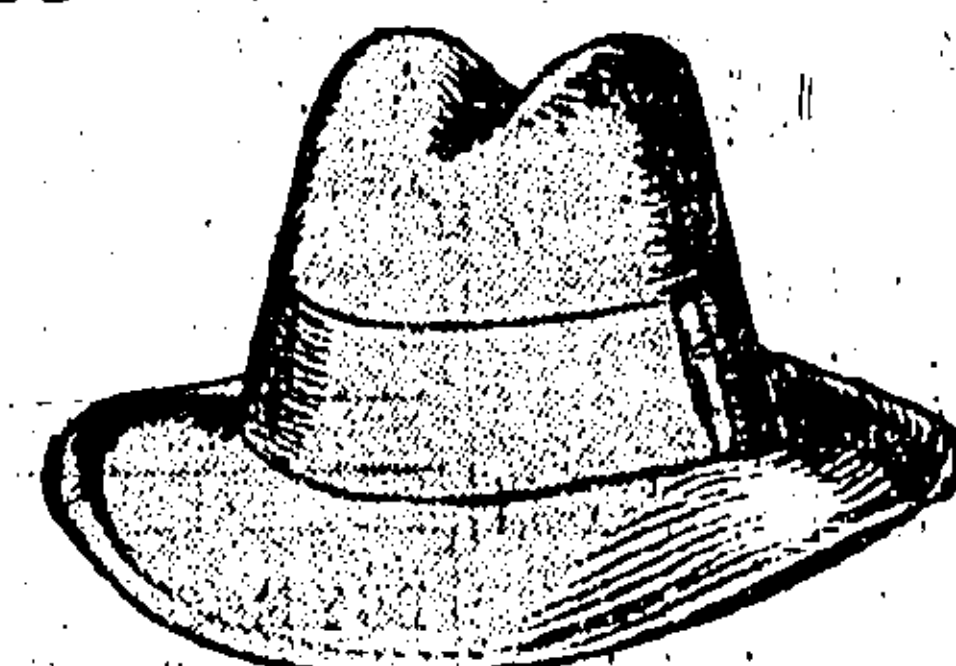
(Reuter's General Service.)

Paris, April 9.

The Chamber of Deputies adopted by 277 votes to 133 a bill authorising contracts for the sale of State-owned vessels.

The reporter of the bill stated that 422 ships aggregating 200,000 tons, which cost 1,425,000,000 francs, realised 247,000,000 francs.

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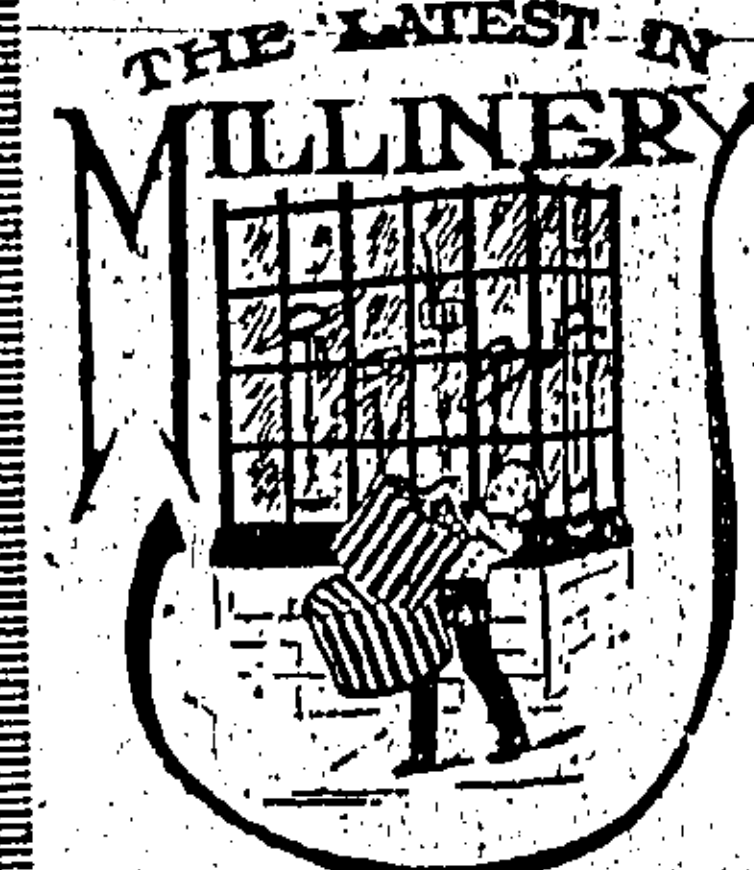
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why? In vain, her female sense
of humour sought to probe this
subject, but no female sense of
humour, however acute, has ever
done so. Women may, and often
do, regard humanity as a joke,
good or bad, but they can seldom
see that they themselves are more
of a joke than men, or that the fact
of their wanting rights as citizens
is more amusing than men wanting
similar rights. They can no more
see it than they see that they are
touching; or that it is more shock-
ing that women should be killed
than that men should, which men
see so plainly. Women, in fact,
cannot see why they should not be
treated like other persons. Stanley
could not see it. To her the denial
of representation in the governing
body of her country on grounds of
sex was not so much an injustice
as a piece of inexplicable lunacy,
as if all persons measuring, say,
below five foot eight had been
denied votes. She saw no more
in it than that, in spite of all the
anti-suffrage speakers whom she
heard say very much more. She
became embittered on this subject,
with a touch of the feminine
bitterness that marked many of
the early strugglers for votes. She
admitted that men were, taking
them in the main, considerably the
wiser, the more capable and the
more intelligent sex; that is to say
that, though most people were
ignorant fools, there were even
more ignorant fools among women
than among men; but there it was,
and there was no reason why the
female fools should have less say
than male fools as to which of the
other fools represented their
interests in Parliament, and what
measures were passed affecting
their foolish lives.

—From *Told by an Idiot*,
by ROSE MACAULAY.

Crocodile for My Lady.

After an absence of many years
in a tropical wilderness I find my-
self once again in cosmopolitan
London, writes "A Big Game
Hunter" in the *London Evening*
News. And, opposite me in the
Tube, I observe a pair of delicately
fashioned but unmistakably scaly
shoes. My surreptitious gaze
travels to a pair of pretty ankles,
swathed in silk of an exquisite
shade; and the peculiar contrast
sets me thinking. My mind travels
back to sluggish tropical rivers,
gigantic swamps, and sinister
pools of picturesque appearance;
the abode of that terrible night-
mare, the crocodile, a hideous
monstrosity of the underworld.

I wonder, in an amused sort of
way, whether the charming wearer
of the shoes has ever cast a thought
in the direction of the one thing
owner of that scaly skin. These,
and various other thoughts, come
surging through my mind as I con-
template this curious novelty in
civilised footwear. I ask myself
whether the colossal trouble in-
volved in the securing of such a
skin is justified by the insatiable
feminine craze for novelty; for no
creature is more difficult to kill or
capture than the crocodile. The
crocodile's vitality is phenomenal,
even proverbial. Even for hours
after one has been shot, and to all
intents and purposes dead, the
flesh moves in spasmodic ripples
like the violent agitations of the
broken end of a lizard's tail. I
visualise the crocodile itself in its
natural environment, lying like a
lifeless log on the quiet surface of
a deep pool; a devilish, yellow eye
blinking occasionally. Then a
sudden rush, a loud splash, an
agonised scream, and silence. The
unsuspecting victim is no more.
Only a gentle ripple on the surface
as evidence of the awful catastro-
phe.

Have You A Fat Mind?

Four women out of five seem to
be "reducing" nowadays to
meet the exacting demands of
"tube" and "serpent" outlines,
but most of them seem to attack
the problem from only one point of
view, says the *Daily Chronicle*. The
attainment of a beautiful figure is
not merely a matter of diet, exer-
cise, and Turkish baths (though
none of these means need be
neglected), but the right mental
attitude is the greatest help of all.
The woman who is anxious to get
or to keep, a young and graceful
figure must not have a dull, rigid,
stodgy habit of mind. This mind,
in time, will infallibly clothe itself
in a stiff heavy, slow-moving body.
She must be more or less interest-
ed in every subject, and very
much interested in one subject, let
it be what it may. She must re-
fuse to think too much of com-
fort—a middle-aged word, my
friends, and a deadly foe to
slimness! Let your thoughts turn
rather to adventure, to movement,
and to change. Seize every oppor-
tunity to change your surroundings
and your current of thought. If you
have read nothing but novels, try
books of travel, biographies,
criticism—anything which makes
you think hard and think differ-
ently. Above all, never let your-
self think that you are becoming
middle-aged or heavy in body or
mind—if you think so, you will
certainly become so. A stagnant
mental attitude produces physical
stagnation, of which fat is one of
the signs. Therefore the oftener
you remind yourself that you are
young, supple, and active the
sooner your body will express
these qualities.

A Tree Worth £100 A Year.
Texas boasts of a wonderful
pecan tree, which yields £100
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Children's Newspaper). It is over
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gallons of chemicals are required
to spray its branches properly.

Sisters of Great Men.

What would have become of
William Wordsworth without his
beautiful poet-hearted sister
Dorothy? or of Charles Lamb with-
out the poor often-demented sister
Mary, the care of whom was his
own safeguard, and her sacred
love his only home? Can we for-
get what the short-lived genius of
Maurice de Guérin owed to the
devotion of that gracious elder
sister, Eugénie, living and long-
ing for him in their ancient chateau
in Languedoc? Yet none of these
loving sisters made a sacrifice as
great as Henriette Renan's ten
years of exile for her brother
Ernest—Molra O'Neill in *Black-*
wood's Magazine.

IN THE GRIP OF
INDIGESTION.

At no sufferer has daily to consider
which they prefer—starvation or torture,
Craving for food to appease the system's
need for nourishment, they scarcely dare
eat because of the "gripes" which follow
even the slightest meal.

This pain after eating is the stomach's
protest; it is too weak to work, and
other warnings follow in the shape of
heart-ache, flatulence, palpitation, de-
pression, loss of weight and colour, con-
stipation or purging, sleeplessness, evil
dreams. The temptation is to seek relief
in strong purgatives, but the use of these
is always followed by worse conditions.
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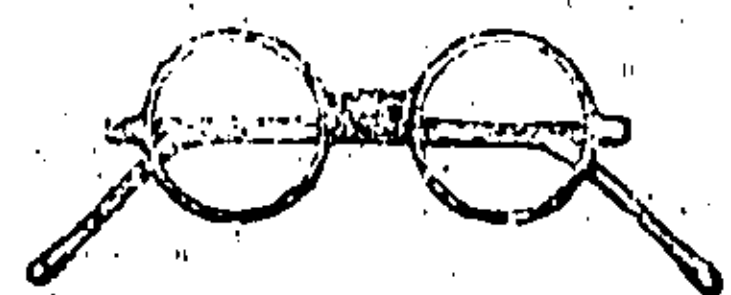
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KIMBALL.—On April 6, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Fleming Kimball, a son.

DEATHS.

SEREDKIN.—On April 6, 1924, at Shanghai, Mrs. Klavdia Artemievna Seredkin, of Manchouli, aged 57 years.

LETHIN.—On April 6, 1924, at Shanghai, Lois Linnen Lethin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Nethin, aged one year and one month.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1924.

HEALING EUROPE'S RUNNING SORE.

When experts get busy, plain men hold their peace. Nevertheless one cannot altogether refrain from making some comment upon the reparations reports just presented, firstly because the issue involved is one of supreme importance to the whole world, and

secondly because the problems involved are not wholly financial. Whatever opinions may be held about the wisdom of exacting reparations from Germany after all that has happened since the armed peace began, further discussion now is simply a waste of time. Before the Labour Party came into power in Britain, Germany might have entertained hopes that political changes abroad would perhaps bring her escape from the liabilities imposed by the Allies, but the Labour Party had not been in power a week in Britain before it affirmed its intention of making Germany pay at least some portion of what she owed under the Versailles treaty. France having all along insisted upon payment, it only remained to determine the amount that should be exacted. Discussion of this is now also merely a waste of time, as both France and Britain have agreed to abide by the experts' findings. Important though these findings may be from the financial standpoint they are even more important from the

political. Through the careful phrasing of the chief report there stands out one vital fact. France's Ruhr policy has failed. Poincare may quote figures to show that France is losing nothing from the invasion, is even making a small profit, but (say the experts) "there is no method of balancing the German budget"—that is the crux of the problem—"under the present limitations of Germany's fiscal and economic rights over part of her area."

This simply confirms what Britain's more courageous statesmen and writers have been saying all along. The Ruhr invasion was bad enough in its material effects, Germany losing her Lancashire, but it was ten times worse in its moral effects. Apart from the further hatred it was breeding, it left Germany in the position of never knowing what she might expect to lose next. Recently there have been indications that Poincare, for all his boasts of success, has had his doubts, and it has been suggested that when he agreed some weeks ago to accept whatever suggestions the committee might make, he was providing himself with a graceful way out of the impasse. Extremely significant is it therefore to learn from the cables today that an influential Paris journal, usually credited with being in close touch with the Government, has expressed the feeling that France realises the extent of the sacrifice asked but is ready to refrain from raising any obstacles to the proposed agreement. Under the experts' recommendations France's legitimate interests, not less than our own, are fully guaranteed; and once the Ruhr occupation ceases, as cease it can without entailing the slightest sacrifice for anyone, Europe may confidently hope to have the reparations problem settled once and for all. Then possibly will end the existing financial chaos and the ever growing political hatred that have now several times gravely imperilled the peace of the world.

TAGORE.

Only a few have had the privilege of communing with Rabindranath Tagore during his brief stay in Hongkong. The larger world has been informed of his poetic activities and we have seen a list of the books, or some of them, which stand to his credit. For the publicity of these and other facts, we may be a little grateful even if it has only raised a passing interest which is already dying. A poet! A writer! Trivial things perhaps. Not much money in either unless you are a "best seller," or more wonderful than all, if you are awarded the Nobel prize for literature. That prize is a not inconsiderable sum. Anatole France got his £7,500, and we believe gave the greater part of it, if not the whole, to someone else. We are not told what Tagore did with his prize. It has probably gone into the movement which in his own words made him "a lover of men." To be a lover of men these days—even of the men belonging to one's own country, is probably a difficult thing. We need not spend time in proving that. It is forced to our attention when one amongst many claims his love for men, and theirs in return. He stands confessed as "a mere poet," proclaiming the sensible doctrine of honour for the dead and love for the living, and a desire, again as a poet, to delight the hearts of all men. It is good that literature knows no geographical bounds—that the Persian poet is just as much our possession as is unsexed Shakespeare, as the German style him. We take the outpourings of the minds of those who have a message for the world, no matter to which country they primarily belong, and we accept or reject as it pleases us, but giving praise to the great things of great minds are not as sealed books. And when some of these minds preach doctrines that "practical" people scoff at, we may well take hope. Tagore in addition to the other things mentioned, stands for universal brotherhood. It seems an incredible standpoint to adopt when the world is at sixes and sevens, and the cry as ever is "away with him." Tagore goes North on a mission that excites our interest and envy. The North

is fortunate, as fortunate as we hope Hongkong may be when the return journey has to be made. In no place than Hongkong is the doctrine of this poet worthy of preachment and acceptance.

Our Magistrates.

We sympathise with those whose presumably well paid lot it is to administer justice in the humid atmosphere of the police courts. There is not necessarily a happy job and when a magistrate holds forth in natural and humorous vein they gain our entire and warm approval. We can appreciate the pleasantness of inviting a solicitor to a "tea party" and that recent piece of opinion stating that often he felt like kicking Chinese servants on account of their waywardness. But there our appreciation must cease, and we acknowledge that holding the reins of justice—or the spirit shall we say—varies with the man. We could not quite understand the observation of the particular magistrate who informed a lady complainant that she might have said the thing she did say either differently, or not at all. It seemed a remarkable observation to make in a matter in which sensible persons would not expect a lady to remain calm. Our latest member of the stipendiary bench to come under our observation is none other than Mr. R. E. Lindsell who hitherto has worn the white flower of blameless expression. Yesterday he had before him a Chinese culprit charged with the heinous offence of dumping his dead mother's body. Did the magistrate fine him? He most certainly did: \$40. And \$20 for failing to report the death of the woman. Justice would seem to have been met by a fine which a presumably poor man would find difficulty in paying. But our magistrate goes one better—or worse. He expresses the hope that "your mother's spirit (may) come back to haunt you." This suggests a magisterial belief in spiritualism or some form of hoodooism and not in keeping with the Christian form of swearing in of "the whole truth . . . selp mi God." We respectfully suggest that in the circumstances of the extent of the fine imposed, the extra punishment likely to prey on a credulous nature, should not have found utterance.

Beethoven.

A word of sympathy is due to those who strive to understand and appreciate what is commonly called, classical, but which we prefer to call good music. Only recently has an attempt been made by a series of analytical notes to give the auditor some idea what the composer intends to portray. Very often it is not necessary; the title of a piece may suggest the theme; a fugue, a bourree or the equivalent of a Scherzo or the course one may expect the music to take. In certain pieces no annotation is needed. When Mr. Ore played Percy Grainger's "Country Gardens" it was quite obvious that we were the uninvited guests at a very rollicking country party. When we come to "heavier" pieces, it is somewhat different. We are not all so temperamentally endowed that we can follow a Beethoven Sonata and profess to understand it. This is where the annotation comes in with a reasonably worded note as to Beethoven's aims. A word or two on the Appassionata Sonata the other night would have made its hearing all the more enjoyable, even if words "in explanation" had to be borrowed. Here is Romain Rolland for instance on this sublime composition:—"It is a super example of the growth of Beethoven's immense creations from two of the tiniest of germs. . . . Lenz calls the Sonata 'a Volcanic eruption which rends the earth and shuts out the sky with a shower of projectiles.' For a clue to this Sonata, Beethoven told an enquirer to read Shakespeare's Tempest . . . the deep passionate note which sounds ceaselessly throughout the first movement and the immense vitality of the Finale, the calm beauty of the Andante with its variations With this attempt at a mild form of education through the medium of analytical notes, will go an enlightened newspaper criticism. We shall no longer tolerate the gropings of quite young men—in mind—content to tell us that the artist smiled at this stage and closed his or her eyes at that. The following attributed to Beethoven indicate somewhat the character of the man, Music ought to create and fan the fire of the spirit of man. To do all the good one can. To give liberty above everything. And even if it be for a Kingdom, Never to betray truth."

We draw attention BOOKS, recently to the fact that in the announcement of auction sales of household furniture, we rarely, if ever, came across books or libraries for sale. Our hopes are somewhat raised this week. It is obvious that before you can have books you must have either a bookcase or a library (a room) in which to put them. Our eagle eye notices the advertisement of a local gentleman who advertises a house to be let which has so many rooms—and a library. God bless us all! Our only fear is that a Broker may take that house, or someone who has "no use" for a library.

OTHER PEOPLE'S

money, still continues to intrigue us. Mr. Gustav Adolf Koettgen, who stated that his son Ernest had been killed in action at Arras, left a reversion of nearly £70,000 for works of public utility or charity, preference being given to charities in aid of loyal British subjects of German birth. He left £93,775. Mrs. Emma Ann Sherratt, Manchester Royal Infirmary "enough money to endow a bed": £10 for each year lived with her to each person living with her." She directed that anyone disputing her will should forfeit interest, and that benefits not claimed within three months of her death should be forfeit. She departed leaving £35,807. Mr. Alcibiades Vagliano, who stated that as he (a Greek) died domiciled in England, the British duty on his property would amount to about £650,000, left £3,000 to his secretary and bookkeeper, Arthur Andrews; £1,000 and his wearing apparel to his butler, William Castle; one year's wages and his garage furniture to his chauffeur, William Burgess; legacies to housekeeper and servants. He left a mere £1,698,559.

Fortune seems to smile on the runaway and it is perhaps he, more than anyone else, who gets the most out of life, and sees what a wonderful place the world is.

Our comment on UGLINESS: the question of the beauty or otherwise of Hongkong buildings serves to remind us of the Solicitor-General's opinion as expressed in *The Crusader* on the question of ugliness. He asks us to contrast the Middle Ages when even an Act of Parliament was more beautifully written than many a modern novel. He thinks this age will go down to history as the Age of Ugliness, and suggests that a tremendous educative effort will be needed if we are to change this state of affairs. And he is very definite when he says that we can neither build houses nor town halls nor railway stations! Even our war memorials, he adds, expressions of a deep and sincere emotion—are hopelessly bad. All this seems very true.

"DARK LITTLE People" is a book devoted to the Welsh people. The author is much kinder to his fellow Celts than others have been, and more so than the author of a satirical tract, which amongst other things contains the following description of a native of the Principality:—

A Welchman, is the Oyster that the Pearl is in, for a man may be picked out of him. He hath the abilities of the mind in *potentia*, and acts nothing but boldness. His Cloths are in fashion before his Bodie; and he accounts boldness the chiefest virtue. Above all men he lyses a Herald, and speaks pedigrees naturally. He accomps none well descended that call him not Cosen, and prefers *Owen Glendower* before any of the nine worthies. The first note of our familiarity is the confession of his valour; and so he prevents quarrels. Hee voucheth Welsh a pure and unconquered language; and courts Ladies with the storie of their Chronicle. To conclude, he is: pretious in his own conceit, and upon St. David's day without comparison.

The one outstanding MUSIC, thing that seems to have pleased Mr. Ore in connection with his successful pianoforte recital the other day, was the fact of the large number of Chinese who were present. This seems to suggest that the Chinese are taking a greater and more intelligent interest in the best in music, and making an endeavour to appreciate and understand it. Already the Chinese community possesses amongst its number several exponents of pianoforte music of a very high order. It seems recitals are to be repeated—and we think they are—we should like to see heads of Schools take a more active interest in them to the extent of not only attending themselves, but encouraging those in their care to do so. Such recitals as Mr. Ore is encouraged to give are not merely interesting, they are instructive.

To-day's Poem.

(O Sweet Content!)
Art thou poor, and hast thou golden slumbers?
O sweet content!
Art thou rich, and is thy mind perplexed?
O punishment!
Dost thou laugh to see how fools are vexed?
To add to golden numbers, golden numbers?
O sweet content! O sweet, O sweet content!
Work apace, apace, apace, apace;
Honest labour bears a lovely face!
Then hey, nonny nonny, hey nonny nonny!
—Thomas Dekker (1570-1637).

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 10.

1798. I was hanging out linen in the evening, . . . a close warm evening. — Dorothy Wordsworth.

CHILDREN'S PLAYTHINGS.

Children are religious, but that does not mean that they are spiritual. Spirituality is the supreme elegance of intelligence on the down grade.

Since children, then, are born religious, they worship their toys. They ask of their toys what men have always asked of the gods: joy and forgetfulness, the revelation of mysterious harmonies, the secret of being. Toys, like the gods, inspire terror and love. Are not the dolls, whom the ancient Greeks called their Nymphs, the divine virgins of early childhood? The devils who pop out of boxes, do they not, like the Greek Gorgon of the Christian Beelzebub, represent the sympathetic alliance between visible ugliness and moral evil? It is true that children are familiar with their gods, but have men never blasphemed theirs? Children sometimes break their dolls, but what symbols has not humanity broken? The child, like the man, continually changes his ideal. His gods are always imperfect because they necessarily proceed from himself.

—Anatole France.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 10.—Coronet Theatre: "Parted Curtains."
April 10.—Star Theatre, Kowloon: "The Royal Russian Ballet" also Wallace Reid in "Always Audacious."
April 10.—World Theatre: "The Woman Who Fooled Herself."
April 13.—Coronet Theatre: "Poor Men's Wives."
April 10-16.—Sermons for a Lenten Mission by Rev. R. B. Schmitt, S.J., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 6 p.m.

April 10.—H.M.S. Carlisle's Dance at Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
April 11.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
April 12.—Public Dinner to Sir William Rees Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
April 23.—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.
April 26.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.
April 10.—Boxing at Victoria Recreation Club.
April 10 and 21.—H.K. Jockey Club 2nd extra race meetings.

LAND SALE.
April 14.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Kennedy Town, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
April 11.—Lammert Bros. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Ladies' Suit Lengths, 11 a.m.
April 14.—Lammert Bros. at "Louren Villas," 11 Chatham Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

April 16.—Lammert Bros. at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets rattan and cane splitting machinery, etc., 8 p.m.
April 16.—Lammert Bros. at 6 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, Dover cooking stoves, etc., 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.
April 11.—Seventeenth annual meeting of Gande, Price & Co., Ltd. at 8 Queen's Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.
April 10.—Quarterly meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Assn. at 17 Queen's Road, Central, 6 p.m.
April 11.—All interested in proposal to form a Hongkong Football Association to meet at No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ground Floor, opposite Star Ferry at 6 p.m.

April 13.—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George in the City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL TURF.

ENTRIES FOR EASTER MEETING.

Weights have been allotted for the Twickenham (A. and B. classes—1 mile and the Esher (B.4 miles) Handicaps which will be run off at the Second Extra Race Meeting.

By the courtesy of the Jockey Club we are able to give the full list of entries for the first day's programme on Saturday, April 19, first bell at 2.30.

1st Race.—Tudor Stake. ½ Mile. —Jungle Cock, What-to-do, Nestor, Whatthead, Roman Bay, Pet Mouse, Cottongrass.

2nd Race.—Twickenham Handicap. "A Class." 1 Mile.—Benz 167lbs, Rothesay (late Ramsbury) 162, Kupi 161, Full House 159, Rialto Star 158, Sunstar 158, Washington 158, Vallant Dahlia 157, Edenhill 156, Starland 156, King Charlie 155, Rivergrass 155, Magnificent Dahlia 154, Yellow River 154, Strathfarrar 153, Hartfield 153, Oak Leaf 152, White Rose 150, Mongolian Prince 150, King Johnnie 149, Langsat 147, King Pippin 147, Limonite 145, Bandicoot 144, What-to-do 141.

3rd Race.—Second Aggregate Stake. One Mile.—Sunstar, Washington, Bell Isle, Magnificent Dahlia, Vallant Dahlia, Starland, Rothesay (late Ramsbury), Edenhill, Fern Leaf, King Charlie, Spotted Sand, Kupi, Benz, Bluebottle, Full House.

4th Race.—Cobham Plate. From two mile post once round and in—Mopoke, Uncle George, Nastaran II, Limonite (late Charn Dahlia), Magnificent (late Jewel Dahlia), Musketeer, Arizona, Jadestone, Mongolian Prince, Barcelona (late Phizze), Grey Dragon, Mountain Loch (late Loch Katrine), Silver Leaf, Peter Pan, Dick Whittington, King Pippin, Gaudie.

5th Race.—Twickenham Handicap. "B Class." 1 Mile.—Nastaran II 161lbs, Mopoke 150, Silver Leaf 157, Magnite 156, Grey Dragon 155, Loch Rannoch 155, Mountain Hawk 153, Belle Isle 153, Arizona 151, Peerless Dahlia 150, Durian 150, King Canute 150, Bluebottle 150, Knock Leg 149, Musketeer 148, Duku 148, Speargrass 148, Manchurian Prince 147, The Wink 147, Pet Mouse 147, King Alfred 147, Wombat 146, Gaudie 146, Cottongrass 146, Jadestone 145, Golden Jubilee 145, Uncle George 144, Utinkso 143, Watthead 142.

6th Race.—Claygate Plate. Six Furlongs.—Rialto Star, Mopoke, Limonite (late Charn Dahlia), Magnificent Dahlia, Yellow River, Loch Rannoch, Grey Dragon, Duku, Langsat, Speargrass, King Canute, King Alfred, The Wink, 7th Race.—Esher Handicap. 1¼ Mile.—Spotted Sand 163lbs, Kupi 163, Rothesay 161, Benz 159, Sunstar 158, Full House 157, Rivergrass 157, Vallant Dahlia 155, Yellow River 154, Magnificent Dahlia 154, Mopoke 152, Bandicoot 152, Oak Leaf 151, King Johnnie 150, King Canute 150, Kennington 149, Grey Dragon 149, Durian 148, Barcelona 148, Mountain Hawk 147, Limonite 147, Manchurian Prince 145.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Yesterday a cargo boat was run down in the harbour by a launch in the Western anchorage. No lives were lost but the boat sank.

A boatwoman was decapitated yesterday through her sampan being drawn towards the propeller of the s.s. "Oostkerk" on that vessel's arrival from Manila. As the steamer was making for a Kowloon wharf, the sampan capsized and the woman became entangled in the propeller. Her body was subsequently recovered.

Evidence was given by Detective Inspector Tim Murphy and others at the adjourned hearing of the "Yaumati battle" case which came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday. The Inspector graphically described his encounter with the robbers and the subsequent firing. It appears that Inspector Murphy was mainly responsible for the disposition of the officers which led to the captures.

Theft of a signboard belonging to the New Zealand Fire Insurance Co. led Mr. E. W. Hamilton to make a surprise when the thief appeared before him at the Police Court this morning. His Worship asked the man what he wanted the signboard for. As defendant made no reply, the Magistrate remarked that the night had been impressed by his appearance or wanted it for firewood, the latter being more likely. Sentence of seven days was imposed.

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"HEUNGSHAN" WRECK INQUIRY.**EVIDENCE COMPLETED.****The Countermanding of the Captain's Order.**

The inquiry into the stranding of the s.s. "Heungshan" in the Canton River closed this morning at the Harbour Office. Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R., President of the Court announced that the decision would be made public in due course.

Before the Court adjourned last evening, Capt. R. D. Thomas, master of the "Heungshan" was subjected to a severe cross examination by Mr. Eldon Potter who represented the original owners, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Capt. Thomas was recalled this morning by the members of the Court.

The chief officer and a deck hand were called to give evidence. Mr. James P. Gibson, the chief officer gave a corroborative version of the captain's evidence, but added that he saw a light on Junk Rock, a very faint glimmer, which he could only make out when the buoy was almost below the ship.

Very Faint Glimmer.
Passing through the Iron Barrier, they picked up the lights of another steamer and a little later saw sampans ahead. The Captain gave the order to starboard. Then, went on the Chief Officer, he looked over the starboard side and saw a very faint glimmer of a green light, right alongside the ship. He exclaimed it was Junk Rock buoy. The order was given for the engines to stop immediately.

Mr. Gibson said in answer to Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, that he did not see that light until he looked down from the bridge. When the ship struck, she began to list to starboard. As soon as the ship was beached he made arrangements with the captain of the s.s. "Kwong sai" for the transhipment of the passengers. There was no loss of life, nor panic.

Cross examined, the chief officer admitted that the No. 1 pilot gave orders without consulting him at all, but witness was ready to correct the quarter master if he did not steer his proper course.

"Were you surprised that when you got near the Sun Chau village you did not pick up the light?" Naturally.

Don't you think that if you had got that far and not reached the light that some measures ought to have been taken?—No, because we were going slow and not doing above six or seven knots an hour.

If you had been on the starboard side sooner, would you have picked up the light sooner?—It was just a question of my walking across the bridge; the light to my idea when we passed it was a filthy, and dirty lamp with the light barely showing through.

"Footing" Near.
Questioned by the Court, the chief officer said he saw the Barrier lights 600 feet away. When the Heungshan struck Junk Rock, she was within two and a half lengths of the "Footing."

The look-out man who was watching on the P'side at the time of the mishap, told the Court that he was ordered to shout out to the bridge whenever he saw a light or other craft ahead. He did not see the Junk Rock light until after the ship struck; then he noticed a very faint glimmer.

Capt. Haycock, of the s.s. "Kwong sai" stated that he saw the green light at 5.40 a.m. It was not a good light, yet he could hardly describe it, as being nearly out.

In reply to the Court, Capt. Haycock said if he had not seen the buoy, he would have steered the ship over to the other side and anchored.

The President of Court recalled Capt. Thomas and asked the chief officer and the pilot to leave the Court.

The President: Why did you beach the ship on the North bank Capt. Thomas?—Because I noticed that as soon as I put the engines "slow ahead," she was swinging that way and to have started her swinging the other way would have taken time and probably she would have sunk in deep water. The second reason was because I feared the hard bottom of Larkins Point.

Canton River Pilots.
This pilot has been running on the river since 1915 and has only just been licensed?—None of the river boat pilots are licensed except in a few stray cases. This pilot was the third on the Canton river. It is ancient custom and usage. The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. have been running with unlicensed pilots since 1862: the men are born on the river.

Lieut. Comdr. Hake pointed out that according to the Canton River Pilotage regulations, a fine of \$100 was liable to be imposed for the using of an unlicensed pilot.

This completed the evidence and Mr. Potter in addressing the Court said he appeared for the company in order to assist the Court. Speaking for himself it was distasteful to criticize the conduct

of a long established ship master like Capt. Thomas, but he considered that in his opinion it was the duty of Capt. Thomas when he learnt that the pilot had countermanded his orders, to have reported the important fact to the company. Eleventh hour evidence was apt to be discredited.

Referring to the pilot, Mr. Potter said that the man had shown a remarkable record for times. He had a phenomenal memory which was deserving of better things than a pilot on a river boat. The Chief Officer had told the Court that he saw a light on Junk Rock on the starboard side and that in the ordinary course he had expected to see it on the other side. This clearly indicated that the ship had gone considerably out of her course. What the Court had to decide, submitted the Mr. Potter was: ought the captain to have known when he came to Sun Chau village that he was near the Junk Rock and what steps ought he to have taken. The captain of a ship was expected to take every precaution. It was for the Court to decide whether the captain knew he was passing the village and if so what steps ought he to have taken.

Three Causes of Accident.

Mr. Brutton for the Captain and the China Coast Officers' Guild, summed up his argument in three points. He said there were three causes of the accident. The first was that while the pilot was waiting for the captain's answer to his suggestion that they anchor at Tai Shai-tau, the ship ran further than was usual; the second cause was that there was no light on the Junk Rock buoy and the third was that the order regarding the helm was changed. There had been conclusive proof that there was no light visible on the buoy and as regards the position of the ship, he submitted that the pilot took the wrong course and that his order to port the helm which countermanded the captain's order, was obeyed by the quarter-master.

Mr. Brutton contended that everything had been done by the ship's captain and officers; they had shown a fine foresight and true seafaring qualities and he asked the Court to exonerate the captain from all blame.

At yesterday afternoon's session, Capt. Thomas said he had been in the service of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., for 28 years and 9 months and in command for 25 years and 6 months. Referring to the "Heungshan's" journey up the Canton River, he said that at Tai Shai Tao the pilot said that would be a suitable place to anchor, but witness could see the banks on either side and considered it better to go on. They passed three sampans and he thought he sighted three or four more on the starboard side. He gave the order "Starboard the helm" and the Chief Officer went to the starboard wing to see if they were clear and immediately exclaimed "J—C—; it's the Junk Rock buoy" and the ship struck almost immediately.

The order to stop was passed, and then as the boat was swinging round he gave the order "Slow ahead and hard a port." He grounded her on the North shore, and dropped both anchors. Several sampans approached the boat, and would not stop until he fired his revolver in the air. About an hour later the "Kwong sai" came along and the passengers were transferred. About 2 p.m. H.M.S. "Moth" came alongside and Captain Brooksmith was kind enough to send a wireless message to Hongkong asking them to send up a salvage party as soon as possible.

In reply to Mr. Brutton, Capt. Thomas said that the "Heungshan" had about 600 passengers on board and from 70 to 100 of a crew. Mr. Brutton: From Tai Shai Tao to Junk Rock the course usually is S.W. by S. 45 S. When did you notice that this course was not kept?—Some days later.

What were you concentrating on this particular night?—As always in rain and fog; on objects, looking into the compass is blinding and the actual steering and setting of the course is left to the pilot. He had had many years' experience under me as Quartermaster in the "Fatshan," and he came with me to the "Heungshan" in 1907. Later I made him No. 2 pilot; in 1914, No. 1 pilot. With such a man I concluded he was a safe man. I checked him many times by looking at the compass.

When did you know that your order had been disobeyed?—24 to 28 hours afterwards. The pilot then told me that he had given a contrary order.

Why the order to starboard?—To miss the sampans. Had my order not been countermanded we should have missed the sampans, one of which was at the Junk Rock buoy. Immediately I learnt that one of them was at Junk Rock buoy I should then have put the helm hard a-port, ordered star-

board engine full speed astern and the odds are we should have cleared the Rock. By the time I realised that we were at the buoy it was right under the bow.

Capt. Thomas said he saw no light; the look-out man reported no light. If he had seen the light he would have put the helm hard a-port and they might just possibly have cleared it to the North.

Did you hear the pilot give the order for "hard a-port"?—No, had I done so there would have been fireworks on the bridge (Laughter). It was through things like this that I have invented a tell-tale system which all our ships have adopted. They are too little discs moving on the bridge which show the way the helm is moving.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, Capt. Thomas said he had never reported to the Company this countermanding of orders. I put it to you the Company never knew of this until this morning?—Because I had already asked for a Court of Enquiry and I knew the whole thing would then be sifted. Mr. Arnold, the Company's Secretary, wrote up to me and said the Directors had given orders that I was to ask for a Court of Enquiry. I immediately wrote back to the Harbour Master asking for the Court to be held.

Then I put it to you that I should have been your duty to have done so?—I don't agree. It was coming before the Court. Why should I?

Mr. Potter: First, because the ship belonged to the Company and, secondly, in your own interest, you should have done so. Roaming to the question of the steering of the "Heungshan" Capt. Thomas denied that he was so far out of his course to be entirely wrong.

Mr. Potter:—I would suggest that being in a position to see both banks of the river, you should have realised that you were out of your course?—I should say Sir, that we masters of vessels who ply up and down the river, day after day, year after year, see the bank as a defined line and we know fairly well just where we are, but you must realise that in circumstances as these, an error of a very few feet is dangerous.

You suggest that the absence of the light was the cause of the accident?—Absolutely.

Captain Thomas stated that the light was burning when the following ship, the "Kwong Sai," arrived and also that he had seen Captain Sweeting of the Canton Harbour Office personally. Captain Sweeting, on arrival at the stranded steamer, informed Captain Thomas that the light keeper had mentioned the fact that the "Heungshan" had passed between the rock and the buoy, and therefore would be holed on the port side. As a matter of fact the ship was holed on the starboard side, and from this Captain Thomas deduced that the ship's arrival had awakened the lightkeeper, and the confusion gave him an opportunity to trim the light without being observed.

Replying to members of the Court, Captain Thomas said it was his firm opinion that the light-keeper allowed the light to dim down and retimed it at about 5 a.m. when the traffic commenced again. He lived in the village of Sun Chau, which was within a very short distance of the rock, and it would be a simple matter to slip off in a sampan when necessary. His previous experience of the light was that it was frequently very bad, and was sometimes only sighted at a quarter of a mile. The man being allowed a certain amount of oil to last him over a month might very well help himself. Such cases had happened in the past with certain other lights on the river. It was only an ordinary globe oil lamp and was always rather difficult to pick up. He had no doubt as to the identity of the village of Sun Chau. The visibility was about a quarter of a mile at Tai Shai Tao, and he thought he was in the middle of the river.

Before leaving the witness box, Captain Thomas expressed a wish to make a statement, and consent being given, he said:—I made an error of judgment in not taking a statement from everybody concerned. I thought the case so plain and straightforward, that such a proceeding would be unnecessary; therefore each man has been allowed to make his own statement.

The Court adjourned until 10.30 a.m., to-day.

The Chief Secretary to Government, F.M.S., records with deep regret the death of Mr. H. H. Upton of the F.M.S. Public Works Department, Acting Director of Public Works, Trengganu, which occurred at Besut on March 26. The deceased spent many years in Negri Sembilan, and only left that State toward the end of last year, after being Executive Engineer for some time, to take up the appointment in Kelantan. The deceased was stationed in Selangor for a time in 1909 and again in 1922, but spent most of his time in Negri Sembilan since he first joined the service in 1901. The funeral took place at Kuala Trengganu.

CONSTRUCTION COY.**AN ENCOURAGING START.**

\$2,000,000 WORTH OF CONTRACTS.

That the difficulties earlier experienced had been overcome and an encouraging beginning made, was the substance of the speech made by the Chairman (Mr. R. G. Shewan) at the second annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Ltd. to-day.

Others present besides Mr. Shewan, were father Robert and Mr. J. Scott Harrison (Directors), S. C. Cook (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. F. J. Easterbrook, A. W. Smith, M. A. Razack, Fung Tak-hang, Woo Yee-tak, Chan Chan-nam and L. Gair.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Shewan said:—

"As the report, accounts and auditors' report have been in your hands for several days, I propose with your permission, to adopt the usual procedure and treat the same as read. For the reasons mentioned in our last report the accounts before you are for the half-year only. Although we are able to report a small profit for the half-year we are still left with an adverse balance of \$34,737.41 as the result of the first year's working."

Result "Not Unsatisfactory."

On the whole this is not an unsatisfactory result for the first year's working of a new Company like ours. As the Chairman at the last meeting pointed out we had to start from the beginning and much time and money were expended before we could get together a trained staff and the considerable amount of plant and equipment which is essential for the business of a large contractor, and then we had to set to work to secure business. To do that we took some contracts, at first, which we expected would bring us a profit, though only a small one, but which, as a matter of fact, have left some small losses. They, however, served our purpose which was to bring ourselves before the public as experienced designers and constructors in reinforced concrete by the most up-to-date methods. In this respect we may claim some measure of success, portions of our work having been subjected to very severe tests with satisfactory results. Unexpected difficulties have also been encountered in connection with certain Government contracts and some losses have been sustained, which, I am sorry to say, were partly due to a want of forethought and proper supervision in the early stages of the work, on the part of the person then in charge of these contracts. These difficulties have since been overcome and work on the contracts is now proceeding more satisfactorily.

Future Prospects.

As regards the future, we need not feel at all apprehensive as we have enough work in hand to keep our plant, equipment and staff fully employed so that our overhead expenses may be based on the lowest possible percentage of cost. In this respect I may tell you that contracts for work now in progress amount to more than \$2,000,000. The method of piling which is known as "Franklin" Piling System has been thoroughly tested in actual foundations and has not only given all the results promised but has stood far higher tests than are required. We claim that this method of piling provides both stronger and cheaper foundations than the usual methods, particularly in difficult or reclaimed ground, and we hope to see this process in general use for works of importance in this Colony before long.

I do not want to appear to be too optimistic or to promise more than we can perform, but we have paid for our experience; our organisation has improved with that experience and as we now, with our improved organisation, are in better shape in every way than we were six months ago, I see no reason why we should not be able to lay before you a much more encouraging report this time next year.

As will be seen from the report before you, Mr. J. H. Taggart has recently retired from our Board of Directors. I take this opportunity of acknowledging our great indebtedness to Mr. Taggart for his valuable assistance as first Managing Director of this Company, and I much regret that he feels it necessary to take this step as he considers that his position as Managing Director of certain other companies might lead to a conflict of interests in connection with building contracts now in hand and under consideration.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts of the Company for the half-year ended 31st December 1923, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been duly seconded, questions as to the report and accounts may be put.

The Chairman's proposal, having been seconded by Father Robert, was carried unanimously. Resolutions were then adopted respecting the retiring Directors, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. J. Scott Harrison, and re-electing the

ONE YEARS' JAIL.**SANITARY BOARD SECRETARY SENTENCED.**

MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, April 9.

R. A. Boardman, former secretary of the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, charges arising out of defalcations.

[Boardman was charged with criminally misappropriating funds of the Board to the extent of \$800. Mr. B. W. Elles, late chairman of the Sanitary Board, said Boardman was secretary of the Board from March, 1921 to April, 1922. The secretary's job was a very responsible one. As an accountant, Boardman had no qualifications as far as examinations were concerned, but he was quite a competent accountant.]

SENATORS' HONOUR.**"DAMNABLE CONSPIRACY" ALLEGED.**

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 9.

In the Senate, Senator Wheeler denounced the Federal jury indictment as the product of a damnable conspiracy.

Senator Walsh, who supported him, introduced a resolution supported by the Democratic leader, Senator Robinson appointing a committee of five Senators to investigate the charges against Wheeler.

The resolution was carried nem con.

[Great Falls, April 9.—The Federal Grand Jury has indicted Senator Wheeler for accepting a retaining fee to influence the granting of oil land permits after he became a senator.—Reuter.]

BRITAIN'S TRADE.**MARCH'S ADVERSE BALANCE.**

(Reuter's General Service.)

London, April 9.

The Board of Trade returns show the imports for March as £103,000,000, an increase of £70,000 with February.

Exports were £61,000,000, a decrease of £6,000,000.

ELECTROCUTED.**MAN TAMPERS WITH WIRES.**

Electrocution is presumed to have been the cause of the death of a Chinese boy, though he was not employed by the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., tampered with some wires at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon.

Some coolies who were having their evening meal outside a match shed near Sassoon Road saw him climb a standard on the hillside. Shortly after he reached the top of the pole, the spectators noticed a bright flash from the wires. Deceased was seen to release his hold and fall to the ground.

Subsequent investigations made it apparent that he was fixing in plugs which connected the current from the main to a branch leading to a new house on Sassoon Road. At the time of his fall he was wearing the company's regulation rubber glove on his left hand and the other glove was found at the foot of the standard, close to his body.

[Sassoon Road, as recently announced in the Gazette, is the name given to a thoroughfare leading through the Dairy Farm Co.'s premises. One of the farms known as Sassoon's Farm, presumably named after a gentleman previously connected with the Dairy Farm Co. in its early days.]

New York, April 9. In the sixteenth round Doctor Lasker beat Reti. Tartakover beat Janowski. Alekhin drew with Edward Lasker. Capablanca drew with Marshall.—Reuter.

Moscow, April 8.—The trial has been concluded at Kieff of a number of well-known local Intellectuals, mostly Social Democrats on a charge of treason. The following sentences were delivered:—Tchekobak, Yakovlev, Inovsky, and Madame Vinogradova were sentenced to death, the two brothers Vasilenko, also Tchekobak, Smirnov and Telpygo received ten years' imprisonment, Anna Kapoustinskaya seven years and the remainder five years. The condemned people have the right to appeal within forty-eight hours.—Reuter.

Auditor, Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews at a remuneration of £800. The proposers and seconders were respectively Messrs. Razack and Smith, and Fung Tak-hang and Easterbrook.

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12.-D.L.	Haifong.
13.-O.N.	Kaying.
14.-O.N.	Poonhing.
15.-L.O.S.N.	Tingpang.
16.-L.O.S.N.	Amakusa Maru.
17.-O.N.	Chungking.
18.-L.O.S.N.	Kwongkong.
19.-O.N.	Suiyang.
20.-L.O.S.N.	Wingsang.
21.-D.L.	Haifong.
22.-O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
23.-L.O.S.N.	Yatshing.

AMOI.

Apr. 12.-D.L.	Haifong.
13.-O.N.	Kaying.
14.-L.O.S.N.	Suisang.
15.-O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
16.-L.O.S.N.	Kutang.
17.-O.N.	Shantung.
18.-O.N.	Yongchow.
19.-D.L.	Taijia.
20.-O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.

FOOCHOW.

Apr. 12.-D.L.	Haifong.
13.-D.L.	Haifong.
14.-L.O.S.N.	Chongching.
15.-O.N.	Ichang.
16.-O.N.	Changchow.
17.-O.N.	Poonhing.
18.-L.O.S.N.	Tingpang.
19.-P.O.	Siolia.
20.-L.O.S.N.	Feoshing.
21.-O.N.	Shantung.
22.-O.N.	Yongchow.
23.-D.L.	Taijia.
24.-B.F.	Patroclus.
25.-N.Y.K.	Toyohashi Maru.
26.-L.O.S.N.	Rwongkong.
27.-O.N.	Suiyang.
28.-L.O.S.N.	Wingsang.
29.-P.O.	Yongchow.
30.-N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.
31.-L.O.S.N.	Yatshing.
32.-D.H.	Wakasa Maru.
33.-N.Y.K.	Kiwa.
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HONOLULU.

May 5.-T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
7.-P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
20.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
21.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, AND VANCOUVER VIA SHAI AND JAPAN.

Apr. 13.-O.S.K.	Alabama Maru.
17.-N.Y.K.	Iyo Maru.
18.-O.S.K.	Empress of Asia.
22.-A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
May 4.-A.O.L.	Pres. Grant.
6.-B.L.	Gogra.
11.-P.O.	Empress of Asia.
14.-N.Y.K.	Shidzuka Maru.
16.-A.O.L.	Pres. Madison.
20.-B.L.	Torilla.
23.-B.F.	Protosina.
24.-O.L.	Pres. McKinley.
29.-P.O.	Empress of Asia.
June 13.-O.S.K.	Empress of Asia.
23.-B.F.	Achilles.
July 3.-O.S.K.	Empress of Asia.
11.-B.F.	Philoteas.
Aug. 4.-B.F.	Tyndarus.
22.-P.O.	Protosina.
Sept. 20.-B.F.	Philoteas.
Oct. 14.-B.F.	Tyndarus.
Nov. 8.-B.F.	Tyndarus.
29.-B.F.	Protosina.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 4.-P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.
May 5.-T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
7.-P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
20.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
21.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

Apr. 17.-U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
28.-U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
May 7.-P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.

VALPARAISO.

Apr. 11.-B.F.	Atreus.
17.-B.F.	Nelous.
18.-D.S.L.	Pres. Garfield.
20.-B.F.	Alcornoque.
21.-B.F.	Knarobro.
22.-P.L.	Celtio Prince.
23.-U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
24.-D.S.L.	Pres. Polk.
25.-B.F.	Kosmopol.
26.-N.Y.K.	Taiyo Maru.
27.-D.L.	Duro Castle.
28.-D.L.	City of Olan.
29.-B.F.	Pres. Monroe.
30.-B.F.	Q. Lopez Y Lopez.
31.-B.F.	Onda.
32.-B.F.	Pres. Harrison.
33.-B.F.	Kama.
34.-D.S.L.	Pres. Van Buren.
35.-B.F.	Merleau.

NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

Apr. 11.-R.F.	Atreus.
17.-B.F.	Nelous.
18.-D.S.L.	Pres. Garfield.
20.-B.F.	Alcornoque.
21.-B.F.	Knarobro.
22.-P.L.	Celtio Prince.
23.-U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
24.-D.S.L.	Pres. Polk.
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33.-B.F.	Kama.
34.-D.S.L.	Pres. Van Buren.
35.-B.F.	Merleau.

BREMEN.

Apr. 23.-O.S.K.	Chicago Maru.
Mar. 1.-N.Y.K.	Kanagawa Maru.

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Apr. 23.-L.T.	Peria.
May 3.-L.T.	Nunidia.
8.-L.T.	Finne-L.
June 4.-L.T.	Aussa.
7.-L.T.	Duchessa D'Acosta.
July 4.-L.T.	Silvio Pellico.
Aug. 7.-L.T.	Nippon.

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Apr. 17.-N.Y.K.	Tushima Maru.
May 15.-E.A.	Chile.
17.-B.D.	C. Lopez Y Lopez.
June 8.-E.A.	Afrika.

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"PADUA"	5,807	17th Apr.	Singapore and Bombay
"NELLOR"	6,853	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,053	19th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	23rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"RAJAH"	8,718	2nd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MIRAZAPUR"	8,718	7th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,425	17th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	31st May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	22nd June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"MORLA"	10,911	29th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	13th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	20th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,911	27th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,098	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	10th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	17th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	24th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	31st Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	7th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	14th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	21st Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	28th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	5th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	12th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	19th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,098	26th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,963	2nd Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,900	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"JAPAN"	6,052	22nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TANPA"	6,058	6th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,949	13th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TORILLA"	5,205	20th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr.	Manila, Sardinia, Thursday
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"TANPA"	6,058	15th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"PLASSY"	7,425	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	9th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"RAJAH"	8,718	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MORLA"	10,911	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	30th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	6th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,911	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,098	20th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,963	27th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	4th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	11th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	18th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	25th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	29th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"KASHMIR"	8,963	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	8,098	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"SOUHAN"	8,098	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.

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Butcher Meat.			
	March 4, 1924	June 1918	June 1914
Beef, Strain, -Moi Lung Pa	lb. 30	24	12
Prime Cut	30	24	12
Curried, -Ham Ngau Yuk	30	24	12
Roast, -Shiu	30	24	12
Breast, -Ngau Nam	24	20	18
Beef, -Tong Yuk	30	24	12
Beef, -Ngau Yuk Pa	30	24	12
Beef, -Shiu	30	24	12
Sausages, -Ngau Cheung	30	24	12
Salmon's Brain, -Ngau No per set	12	10	12
Tongue, fresh, -Ngau Li each 60	60	60	60
Tongue, cured, -Ham Ngau Li	60	60	60
Head, -Ngau Tau	1.00	1.00	1.00
Heart, -Ngau Sam	16	13	14
Hump, -Ngau Kin	28	20	18
Feet, -Ngau Kook	12	10	12
Kidney, -Ngau Yiu	12	10	12
Liver, -Ngau Kon	16	13	14
Tripe (undressed), -Ngau To lb. 8	8	7	7
Calves' Head and Feet, -Ngau Tai	1.20	1.00	1.00
Matton Chop, -Young Fat Kwai lb. 43	28	25	25
Leg, -Young Fat	43	38	38
Shoulder, -Young Fat	37	34	34
Saddle, -Young Fat	40	36	36
Big's Chilling, -Chun Chong	35	32	32
Beef, -Chun No	3	3	3
Veal, -Chun Kwa	18	15	15
Pig, -Chun Chong	37	34	34
Head, -Chun Tau	24	20	18
Heart, -Chun Sam	16	13	14
Kidney, -Chun Yiu	12	10	12
Liver, -Chun Kon	16	13	14
Pork Chop, -Chun Fat Kwai	38	35	35
Leg, -Chun Fat	32	29	29
Loins, -Chun Fat	18	15	15
Fat or Lard, -Chun Yau	22	21	21
Sheep's Head and Feet, -Young	60	60	60
Tail, -Chun No	12	10	12
Heart, -Chun Sam	16	13	14
Kidney, -Chun Yiu	12	10	12
Liver, -Chun Kon	16	13	14
Sucking Pig, to order, -Chun Tai	25	25	25
Snout, -Chun Tai	30	28	28
Mutton, -Shang Young Yau	43	38	38
Veal, -Ngau Tai Yau	24	20	18
Sausages, -Ngau Tai Cheung	30	28	28
No. 1 lb. 38	38	38	38

Fish.			
	March 4, 1924	June 1918	June 1914
Barbel, -Hs Yu	28	19	24
Bream, -Pin Yu	24	20	16
Orange Fresh Water Fish, -Hoi Sin Yu	22	18	16
Carp, -Li Yu	30	16	27
Crab, -Chik Yu	38	12	9
Codfish, -Mun Yu	20	20	25
Crabs, -Hoi Yu	40	23	28
Crabs, -Hoi Yu	24	16	2
Crabs, -Hoi Yu	60	32	15
Dog, -Wong Mei Lap	18	10	8
Dog Fish, -Tib To Sha	12	10	9
Eels, -Chun, -Hoi Man	38	16	18
Fresh water, -Tam Shai Yu	24	20	18
Yellow, -Wong Shu	42	23	30
Grass, -Tin Koi	55	28	35
Grouper, -Shak Pan	70	40	30
Grouper, -Pak Kap Yu	38	18	15
Herring, -Tao Pak	30	12	18
Halibut, -Chung Kwai Kap	24	18	23
Labrus, -Wong Pa Yu	30	27	18
Loach, -Wu Yu	65	22	24
Loach, -Lung Ha	50	28	21
Mackerel, -Chai Yu	38	20	28
Monk Fish, -Mong Yu	42	22	28
Mullet, -Tat Yu	34	19	2
Oysters, -Shang Ho	20	16	22
Parrot Fish, -Kai Kung Yu	26	14	9
Perch, -Tao Lo	38	20	15
Pike, -Pa Pan Yung	18	16	9
Plaice, -Pan Yu	45	28	14
Pomfret, -Black, -Hak Chong	40	25	29
Pomfret, -White, -Pak Chong	45	38	30
Prawns, -Ming Pa	80	38	45
Say, -Pai Pa Sha	10	10	14
Rock Fish, -Shak Kan Kung	22	12	18
Roach, -Chun Yu	38	22	18
Salmon, -Ma Yau	50	38	30
Shark, -Sha Yu	12	6	10
Shrimp, -Po Yu	16	10	10
Skipper, -Hs Yu	48	32	20
Snapper, -Lap Yu	48	32	20
Sole, -Tat Shu Yu	38	28	28
Tench, -Wai Yu	40	22	18
Turbot, -Tao Hui Yu	58	38	28
Turbot, small fresh water, -Kau Yu	1.20	1.20	1.20

Poultry.

	March 4, 1924	June 1918	June 1914
Chicken, -Kai	lb. 48	30	21
Capon, Small, -Sin Kai	16	28	30
Capon, Large, -Sin Kai	16	28	30
Duck, -Ap	35	22	21
Dove, -Pan Kan	Each	16	16
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tan (cooking) per doz	30	35	30
Eggs, Hen, -Kai Tan (fresh) per doz	30	35	30
Fowl, Canton, -Kai	lb. 64	36	24
Fowl, Hainan, -Hoi Nam Kai	35	28	28
Geese, -Ngo	34	24	24
Pigeons, Canton, -Pak Kap, each	42	30	30
Holow, -Hoi Han Pak Kap	each	22	22
Turkey, Cook, -Fo Kai Kung lb.	70	60	5
Turkey, Hen, -Fo Kai Na	60	55	48
Snake, -Sha Tui	each	21	21
Pheasant, -Shan Kai	1.10	1.10	1.10
Quail, -Om Chun	35	35	35
Partridge, -Cho Ku	1.60	1.60	1.60

Fruits.

	March 4, 1924	June 1918	June 1914
Almonds, -Hing Yan	lb. 80	35	35
Apple, (California), -Kam Shan	22	24	24
Bananas, (bridge), -Mau, -Shan	5	4	4
Cashew, -Yung To	12	12	12
Cocoanuts, -Ye The	11	10	10
Lemons, China, -Ling Hung	lb. 13	7	7
Lemons, (America), -Kam Shan	15	15	15
Litchies, Dried, (small stone), -Lai Chai Kon	28	25	3
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet, -Shan-sheng Tin Chang	12	10	10
Oranges, Tin Chang	12	10	10
Pears, (Canton), Cooking, -Sha Li	14	12	12
Peanuts, -Fa Shan	12	10	13
Pistachios, Large, -Hung To	12	12	12
Plantain, -Tat Chin	5	3	4
Pumpkin, -Tat Lo Yau	12	12	12
Walnuts, -Hop To	15	15	15
Grapes, -Po Tai Yu	30	30	30

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, -Ah Chai Cheuk	each 10	8	8
Beans, Sprout, -Nga Tso	b 5	7	7
Long, -Lao Kok	5	5	5
Beet Root, -Hung Tui Tau	each 8	8	8
Bitter Squash, -Fu Kwa	10	10	10
Brussels, Green, -Ching Yau Kwa	8	5	9
Red, -Hing Koo	6	5	8
Cabbage Chinese, (common), -Kai Tai	8	5	13
(Shanghai) -Ye Tsoi	10	13	13
Cauliflower, bunch, -Kau Shan	10	10	10
Canflower (Large), -Ye Tsoi Pa each 28	28	28	28
(Medium), -Ye Tsoi Pa	15	15	15
(Small), -Ye Tsoi Pa	12	12	12
Carrots, -Lam Shui	lb 6	6	6
Celery Chinese, -Tung Kan Tai	6	10	8
Chilies, Dried, -Kor Lat Chai	30	25	5
Red, -Hing Pa Chai	15	10	6
Green, -Ching Lat Chai	14	8	13
Curry Root, English, -Ka Li Chai	10	10	10
Onions, -Ching Kwa	each 4	2	2
Garlic, -Sun Tau	lb 8	8	8
Ginger young, -Sun Tai Kung	10	7	7
Ginger, old, -Lo Kung	10	10	10
Horseradish, Shanghai, -Lai Kan	20	45	45
Indian Corn, -Shuk Mai	each 10	6	4
Lettuces, -Yung Shing Tsoi	lb 6	1	1
Water Chestnuts, -Ma Tai	lb 10	6	8
Mandarin, -Kwai	12	10	8
Eam Ma Lai	12	10	8
Mushrooms, Fresh, -Shang Tsoi Koi	lb 10	8	8
Okra, -Ching Kwa	lb 10	1	10
Onions, Bombay, -Yung Ching Tai	lb 10	8	8
Onions, Green, -Shang Chai	lb 6	4	4
Onions, Shanghai, -Sheng Chai	lb 6	4	4
Parley, -Kun Tsoi	lb 8	8	8
Potato, Sweet, -Fan Shu	30	30	30
Japanese, -Yat Pan Shu Tai	lb 5	3	3
American, -Yat Ki Shu Tai	lb 8	8	10
Pumpkin, -Tung Kwa	lb 4	3	4
Radish, -Hing Lo Pak Tai	5	5	5
Rhubarb (Fresh), -Tat Wong	5	5	5
Shallots, -Kong Chong Tai	5	5	5
Spinach, -Yin Tsoi	5	5	5
Tomatoes, -Pan Ka	5	5	5
Taro, -Wai Tai	4	4	4
Turnips, Punt, (Long), -Lo Pak	5	4	4
Vegetable Marrow, -Tat Kwa	5	5	5
Water Cress, -Sai Yung Tsoi	8	15	15
Lily root, -Lin Nga	10	6	6

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EXPERT COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

(Reuter's General Service.)

PARIS, April 8. The official report of the Dawes Committee, with regard to the measures necessary to balance the German Budget and to stabilize the currency, while recognizing that political considerations set certain limits within which a solution must be found if it is to have any chance of acceptance, emphasizes that the Committee has been concerned with the problem of debt recovery, and not with the question of penalties.



MR. CHARLES G. DAWES.

As business men they consider it hopeless to build any constructive scheme except on a basis of good faith, until they submit their plan, relying on all parties carrying it out on such a basis.

The Committee arrived at the conclusion that there is no method of balancing the German Budget, temporarily or permanently, under the present limitations of Germany's fiscal and economic rights over part of her area. They, therefore, are compelled to base their report solely on the hypothesis that fiscal and economic unity of the Reich must be restored.

The experts emphasize that their forecasts are based on the assumption that economic activity will be unhindered by any form of control organization other than that provided by the scheme. All existing measures hampering such activity will consequently be withdrawn as soon as Germany has taken positive steps towards the plan, such as establishing machinery whereby the assigned revenue will flow through Allied control. Such measures will not be re-imposed except in case of flagrant failure, when the creditor Governments should determine the nature of the sanctions.



SIR GEORGE BLACKBURN.

ONE OF THE BRITISH EXPERTS. The Committee propose the establishment of a new issue bank in Germany or the re-organization of the Reichsbank, as an essential agency for creating a stable currency.

The bank will have a monopoly of the right of Note issue in Germany for 60 years. The present paper money will be withdrawn and replaced by a single uniform currency, namely, the new bank's banknotes. This currency will be kept stable in relation to gold, but will not be convertible. At the com-

menement it will be protected by a Reserve of 33 1/3 per cent., and other liquid assets. The reserve will be held largely in the form of deposits in foreign banks.

The bank will be fiscal agent for the German Government, and will be allowed to make short term loans thereto, but the amount and character of such loans will be carefully limited and safeguarded.

The relations of the Reparations Commission to the bank will be those of a private client. The bank will have a capital of 400 millions of gold marks, of which 300 millions are to be subscribed in Germany and abroad, the remainder issued in purchase of the real property of the Reichsbank.

The German President and the Board will administer the bank, while the General Board will be composed of seven Germans and seven foreigners, (one each, British, French, Italian, Belgian, American, Dutch and Swiss), who will be given broad powers. One of its members will be the Commissioner, who will see that the provisions of the law with regard to the issue of notes and maintenance of reserves are observed.

The schedule of payments by Germany recommended by the experts corresponds to the second alternative previously forecasted, except that 2,500 millions of gold marks are mentioned for the fifth year and onwards, instead of 2,400.

The liability of 1,200 millions of gold marks for 1925-6, and 1926-7, will be reduced or increased by a maximum of 250 millions, if the proceeds of the controlled taxes, and Customs on alcohol, beer, tobacco and sugar fall short of one milliard by one-third deficit, or exceed one milliard by one-third excess.

A corresponding provision is made for the reduction or increase in the liability of 1,750 millions of gold marks for 1927-8.



ANOTHER OF THE BRITISH EXPERTS.

The whole schedule of payments will begin to run only as from the date that Germany regains full economic and fiscal sovereignty in her territory. The payments must be available, not only for Reparations, but for all Peace Treaty charges, and the interest on any loan.

The railway company previously mentioned will be administered by a Board of eighteen members, half of them to be nominated by trustees appointed by the Reparations Commission. The managing director will be German, but a Foreign Commissioner will be authorized to take measures if the service of bonds cannot be assured.

The Reich should also provide five milliards of gold marks of debentures in industrial concerns, carrying interest at 5 per cent., to be administered by the Reparations Commission's trustee.

The controlled taxes will be under a Foreign Commissioner, with a sub-Commissioner for each tax. As regards deliveries in kind, the experts believe that during the first two years, deliveries will be automatically limited.

After that, the programme will be considered by a Transfer Committee, consisting of a representative of the Reparations Commission and five foreign exchange experts from Britain, United States, France, Italy and Belgium, who will apply the bank balances deposited in the new issue bank to the account of the Agent for Reparation Payments, to the payment of deliveries in kind, and the purchase of foreign currencies. So far as funds cannot be remitted abroad without unduly prejudicing the foreign exchange market, they will be accumulated in Germany up to a maximum of five milliards of gold marks.

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desires to announce that the new Roof Garden entrance will be available for guests attending the dinner to His Honour Sir Wm Rees-Davis on Saturday evening next.

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ARMED OF THE TEETH.

If variety in burglar implements counts for anything towards the success of an armed robbery, a gang of six men who paid a visit to No. 84, Ma Tau Wai, Kowloon City district, about midnight last night, certainly spared no pains in their enterprise. Between them they had an electric torch, a chopper, a dagger and a revolver. At any rate they had little difficulty in subduing a coolie occupant and his three sub-tenants from whom they stole \$74.90 in money and jewellery.

When that limit is reached, the annual payment by Germany in its own currency in respect of Peace Treaty charges will be reduced to an amount which can be remitted abroad yearly. Thus, if the annual liability recommended by the experts proves to exceed the export of the surplus which Germany is able to create, the annual burden will be automatically reduced to the amount of such surplus.

The essential part of the scheme is that Germany shall issue in the first year a foreign loan of 800 millions of gold marks, in order to provide the currency with stability and finance deliveries in kind during the period of economic rehabilitation.

GERMAN CAPITAL.

PARIS, April 8. The report of the McKinnon Committee, which has been enquiring into the flight of German capital, estimates the value of German capital abroad at the end of last year at between 5,700 million and 7,800 million gold marks, making, with half a milliard foreign money held in Germany, a grand total of eight milliards.



The report states that the principal method of acquiring foreign capital was by negotiating paper marks abroad. It declares that enquiries at the principal German banks, assisted by chartered accountants show that the Germans thus made a profit of seven to eight milliards.

The report enumerates other methods for the export of capital, like the sale of merchandise securities and bullion bills of exchange. In order to stop the flight of capital, the report recommends the abolition of the cause, namely, a definite cessation of inflation.

It attributes the flight of capital principally to the failure to balance the Budget, causing capitalists to translate money into foreign denominations in order to avoid loss through depreciation of their currency.

This report declares that the flight was accentuated by the attitude of the German people towards the payments Germany was called on to make to her war creditors. The McKinnon Committee refers to the recommendations of the Dawes Committee for establishing German money on a stable foundation, thus facilitating the return of a large amount of German wealth, which is abroad, to ordinary commercial channels, and proposes, for the period of transition, that persons liable to penalties under the existing law should be pardoned, and advantages offered to Germans who subscribe to loans in foreign currency.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC AUCTION will be held at the TREASURY OFFICE on THURSDAY, the 15th MAY, 1924, at 11 A.M. for the sale of the OPIUM MONOPOLY in Macao, for a period of three years extending from 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1927. Particulars as to the condition of sale may be seen at the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong and at the Treasury Office. Dated at the Treasury Office of the Province of Macao, the 31st March, 1924.

(a) ANTONIO DE MEIRELLES, Director.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Weather & ground permitting the re-play of the match Ng Sze Kwong v. T. Honda will take place on MONDAY, 14th April. Play to START at 4 p.m. Seats on the Stands will be reserved. Members, Subscribers and Holders of "Privilege Tickets" may book seats at the Pavilion up to 8 p.m. FRIDAY, 11th April. Booking thereafter will be at Messrs Moutrie & Co. Price \$1 each. Ticket holders are requested to consult plan on back of ticket.

MACAO GOVERNMENT.

SALE OF ONE MOTOR BOAT AND THE POLICE LAUNCH "ALMIRANTE LACERDA."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 20th MAY Next, at 2.30 p.m., WILL BE SOLD at the Macao Naval Yard, the undermentioned Vessels, which are no longer suitable for the Naval Service of this Colony. HULL ENGINES AND BOILERS OF THE POLICE LAUNCH "ALMIRANTE LACERDA" with the following characteristics: Hull with Plank, Frames and Keel in Teakwood. Length overall 90'10"—Beam 14'0". Maximum draught 6'3".

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The above boats can be inspected at the Macao Naval Yard any day and are to be sold under the present conditions. The Tenders for the Boats shall be sealed and sent to this Office up to the 19th MAY, 1924.

The said Tenders must be accompanied by a Remittance of \$50.00 for the Launch "Almirante Lacerda" and \$50.00 for the Motor-boat which will be returned to Unsuccessful bidders after the Auction.

The Balance of the Purchase Money must be paid by the Successful Bidders within 24 hours from the Acceptance, and the Boats removed within 8 Days.

OTHER MATERIALS considered unsuitable for the same Naval Yard, will be put up to Public Auction on the occasion, and the Removal of the same must be immediately after the Payment. Secao de Administracao e Contabilidade de Marinha Colonial em Macao, 5 de Abril de 1924. O Chefe da Secao, CARLOS LUIZ.

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For further particulars apply to MACJINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 10th April, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undernamed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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LOCAL TENNIS.

HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT.

NG SZE-KWONG V. T. HONDA.

Whether or not Honda ultimately becomes the champion of Hongkong tennis, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has given Ng the hardest struggle in the history of the championship since the latter emerged victorious in his games with S. E. Green and H. A. Nisbet several years ago. Yesterday Honda did not win but he gave the champion a gruelling duel. Last week rain stopped the fourth round match when Honda was two games short of victory. Yesterday play ceased when the light failed with Honda leading by two sets to one and three games all in the fourth set.

There were many who felt that Honda was wrong in not forcing the pace in the later stages. With the commanding lead he might have taken chances instead of playing for safety in the fourth set and being content to join in establishing what must be at least a local record for number of returns. From brilliant sparkling play which fully merited the rounds of applause, the match deteriorated to a test of patient endurance till play had to cease.

His Excellency the Governor and Sir Claude Severn were among the interested spectators who filled the stands to overflowing. However many left before Col. Robertson, the umpire, announced that the match would be completely replayed. They could hardly be blamed as the result seemed inevitable.

Some Comments on the Game. Where Honda gave the impression of being Ng Sze-kwong's superior was at the net and in his service. Time and again Ng would tip the ball just over the net when to his chagrin Honda would run up and bring off a "kill" to the side-line.

In the first three sets both Ng and Honda showed plenty of enterprise in going up to the net. Although the champion won a good many points by excellent strokes which kept his opponent on the run, more often than not he was passed. Still he got over quite a number of balls which virtually left the Straits champion standing.

From the start it was apparent that Ng Sze-kwong had adopted tactics dissimilar to those of the previous game. He seemed to concentrate on playing to Honda's back-hand and waiting for opportunities to present themselves. Honda, on the other hand, relied mainly on his fore-hand drive from one side-line to the other. Also he lunged on tenaciously throughout the game whereas Ng seemed to lose heart at one or two stages. Honda's placing was above reproach. He did not have the share of the "joss" that he had in the last game but he was able to keep the champion mostly on the run by judicious drives to the corners with which he scored many points. Without attempting to make excuses for anybody, it should be stated that Ng gave the impression of being occasionally brilliant but on the whole, below his form. One aspect of his game, which paid, was that he returned Honda's diagonal fore-hand drives in the way that they were sent to him. Honda appeared just a shade below last week's form when he could hardly do anything wrong.

Excitement was intense throughout, particularly towards the end. Some spectators went so far as to applaud while the ball was still in play. Cries of "Oh!" could be distinctly heard when one or the other of the players sent outside or into the net.

The Play. Below are given the various stages of play with Honda's figures first:

Honda served and lost 0-1. Ng Sze-kwong lost a love game 1-1 and Honda did likewise 1-2. Ng won the next on his service 1-3. In the 5th game Honda was pulled up by a linesman for an obvious foot-fault; *China Mail* readers will recall that reference to Honda's style of service was made in these columns when he played in the doubles. Honda won this game 2-3 but lost the next 2-4 in which a ball from Ng seemed to go through the net but passed over it. From this stage onwards Honda was on top. Taking advantage of a little luck and Ng's carelessness, he won the next four games to give him the first set. But not before a keen struggle with every point contested. Deuce was called three times in the 8th game. Serving in the 9th, Honda took the score from love-40 to deuce, ad. server and game. Deuce was also called in the last game of this set which Ng lost by serving a "double," both into the next.

Second Set. As in the first set, the champion won the first game from Honda's service 0-1 but not before deuce had been called three times. Honda won the next three games 3-1 in which some good tennis was deservedly applauded. Ng did not seem to be trying after

this and Honda had little difficulty in winning three games more (6-1), the last being a love game.

Best Tennis in Third Set. What was undoubtedly the best tennis of the match was provided in the third set which went to Ng Sze-kwong after a ding-dong struggle.

Ng served the first game which he won after three deuces, 6-1. Honda led 40-love in the second. Ng by some brilliant strokes and thanks to Honda placing outside made the score ad. striker but had the mortification to lose 1-1. Adequate superlatives are lacking to describe the third game which Ng won after two deuces, 1-2. Honda then made a big effort and won two games 3-2. Many felt that this was the deciding stage of the game but Ng treated the spectators to a display of grim tenacity for which he is renowned. With Honda serving he won the lead game (3 all) and then took the lead 3-5. Both players were extremely enterprising in these three games but there was no doubt that Ng Sze-kwong was playing his best and putting all he knew into his game. Honda made Ng do a lot of running in the 9th game 4-5 but Ng won the next to take the third set 4-6, 2 sets to 1.

209 Returns. To complete the co-incidence, Ng won the first game in the fourth set. Light was beginning to fail and play became very tame. Honda led 2-1 but Ng took the next game 2 all. In the 5th game spectators were hushed up while the ball was returned to one another as carefully as possible.

To the relief of all Mr. Lindell, who was acting as linesman, shouted "out" when Honda made the 15th return for one point. This game went to Honda 3-2. Ng was not to be denied and won the next 3 all. A good many of the crowd had left when the seventh game commenced with Ng Sze-kwong serving. The bad light made the ball barely discernible but 209 returns were made before Honda mis-hit. Play then ceased.

Results of other matches played were as follows:

Open Singles.—A. D. Humphreys beat A. B. Raworth 6-1, 6-2, 7-9, 3-6, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—R. E. Worthington and Miss Grace (30), beat W. A. Nowers and Mrs. Remington (+4/6), 6-0, 6-0.

To-day's Matches.

Club Championships: K. E. Worthington v. G. W. Sewell; Handicap Doubles: F. A. Redmond and M. Roffey (2/6) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and W. L. Thomas (+15)

MATCH TO BE REPLAYED.

RESERVED SEATS FOR MONDAY.

As will be seen in our advertisement columns, the fourth round open singles match between Ng Sze-kwong (champion) and T. Honda (F.M.S. champion) will be replayed, weather permitting, on Monday next, April 14, play to commence at 4 p.m.

There will be reserved seats in the stands. Holders of "privilege tickets," members and subscribers may book at the Cricket Club Pavilion up to 8 p.m. to-morrow (Friday), after which booking will be at Messrs. Moutrie's. For the guidance of ticket holders, a plan of the enclosure has been put on the back of the ticket, consultation with which will facilitate finding the seats. Those whose tickets are numbered from 1 to 281 should turn to their right on going through the passage way between the stands; those with Nos. 282 to 562 should turn to the left and 563 to 662 are on the other side of the court.

TENNIS BOOM.

NEW COURTS BEING MADE EVERYWHERE.

Another lawn tennis boom is expected this summer. This year there will be more courts than ever, in London, the large towns, and the holidays resorts. Borough engineers have been busy during the winter mapping out parallelograms on vacant plots of land.

Rackets are as dear as ever, but they are more fanciful in appearance, some with white handles, and many with green and peacock blue stringing. The ball cost as much. High wages are responsible for this, though players assert that it is the work of manufacturers. The makers reply that there are not enough employers associated together to prevent competition. One must pay from £2 15s. to £3 3s. for a really satisfactory racket, and balls are still in the neighbourhood of a guinea or more for a dozen. The factories, however, are working at top speed.

New Wimbledon, the crown of the season, will probably see a wonder player, Miss Helen Wills, from America, who has yet to meet Miss. Lenglen.

The "Samaria," with its fortunate company of world tourists, left her berth at Kowloon Wharf yesterday for Shanghai and Japan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL RADIO: AN
EXPLANATION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—There appeared in the Mail on April 7 an interview with Dr. F. H. Kew in which this Company's affairs were rather freely dealt with. The interview, and the summary with which your reporter headed it, contained many misleading statements, and an entirely wrong impression of this Company's activities might be gained from them. Far from having "abandoned" and "despaired" of bringing to modern radio communication to Hongkong, we are now actively engaged in fulfilling contracts entered into with various commercial firms and Governments, embracing both wireless telephony and wireless telegraphy, and having demonstrated the value of modern radio, we can fill have more orders than we can fill for commercial equipment. This is quite apart from the broadcasting end of the business, which for this station of the Far East, will be amply covered by our station in Macao. We are now preparing to establish an assembly plant of an extensive nature in Yunnan where wireless equipment will be built up from parts specially manufactured for us in England, Canada and the United States.

The scheme mentioned by Dr. Kew as having been "abandoned" owing to the adverse attitude of the Hongkong Government has not by any means been abandoned. The connecting links of this scheme are now under construction at Macao, Canton and Manila, which will give, when in operation, very complete communication in the Southern part of the Orient, regardless of whether this Colony wishes to join in the scheme or not. Our proposals to the Hongkong Government, made through the Chamber of Commerce last December, and so strongly supported by the commercial interests here, formed merely one unit of our communication system.

Further, Dr. Kew's interest in this Company ceased on March 18 last, and he has no authority to speak for it, nor discuss its plans. Anyone responsibly interested in radio communication can obtain any information required from the professional and respectable officers of the Company at its office in the Union Building.

Yours, truly,
THE RADIO COMMUNICATION CO.
(Incorporated in China.)
Hongkong, April 10.

PIRATES CAPTURED.

CANTON GENERAL'S GOOD
WORK.

A number of bandits, who participated in the piracy of the s.s. "Tai Lee," were arrested by the soldiers of General Li Fuk-lam, the Bandit Suppression Commander, a couple of days ago, when an attack was made against the bandits' stronghold in Sheung-chow, which was destroyed by fire. Several of the bandits, says the *Canton Gazette*, did not make their escape from the blazing houses and are believed to have been burned to death.

The attack on this bandit stronghold was participated in by several hundred soldiers under General Li Fuk-lam, who had previously received instructions from the Generalissimo and the Governor of Kwangtung ordering him to make arrests of the bandits in view of the many petitions received by the two officials from the parties who were victims of these bandits. The attack was wisely carried out. A small detachment of soldiers was first sent to watch the exits of the stronghold and then a large force marched towards the place and opened fire on the bandits. The bandits shot at the soldiers and killed one. After a few minutes' firing, the soldiers set the place on fire. Many of the bandits rushed out from the place and were immediately shot down, but those who did not make their escape were among the ruins of the burning buildings.

The bandits arrested were later taken to General Li's headquarters in Honan. Investigation proved that are famous bandits in the Pany district. Several cases have been filed against them, including those from people victimized in the Tai Lee Piracy, and the villagers near Cheungchow are rejoicing over the suppression of this gang of robbers.

Mrs. Sun, wife of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is expected to pass through Hongkong to-day on her way from Shanghai to Canton.

Mr. A. H. White, partner in the Douglas Lapraik Co., arrived this morning from Amoy. Mr. White will in future be stationed in the Hongkong Office.

Leaving to-day by the s.s. "President Jackson" for San Francisco, whither he has been transferred, is Mr. Ray E. Gunn, Hongkong manager of the Robert Dollar Company. He will be accompanied by his wife and family.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE.

MANILA FATHER'S STRONG
APPEAL.

LENTEN MISSION OPENS.

The Lenten Mission commenced yesterday evening at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Father Valtorta recited the Rosary to which the whole congregation responded, and the Rev. Father R. B. Schmitt, S. J., of the Philippines, Jesuit congregation from Manila, gave his special mission with great eloquence.

Father Schmitt gave a very lengthy sermon on the difference between the material life of a human being and his soul and the purpose for which God created Man. He exhorted all those present to attend the services of the Mission and be generous. Not only should they answer for the sermon, but they should also attend Mass in the morning and make frequent Communion. "Frequent Communion," he said, was the greatest of character builders; it builds men—clean, upright, honest men. "The preacher said: 'God is specially merciful at this time to the unhappy sinners who have for a long time drifted away from Him.' This is the proper time when those who most needed grace should come to Him."

At the end of his sermon Father Schmitt asked every one to consider seriously the salvation of his own soul. He gave as an example Saint Francis Xavier, who gave up his whole life and all pleasures in order to save his own soul and the souls of others. "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?"

After the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the congregation dispersed.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—
Rones ex rights ex bonus \$24½ nominal, rights \$1½ prem. div. Bonus shares \$24½ nominal.
Hongkong Developments \$1¼ buyers.

China Ruses \$10½ buyers.
Hongkong Sharebrokers Assn.:—
Hongkong Developments \$1.20 sales.

OKHOTSK TRADE.

Moscow, April 9.

The committee on home trade intends to despatch an expedition to the coasts of Okhotsk. It proposes to declare the whole coast an open port in order to attract foreign capital. Eighty thousand people are reported starving in Omsk province. —*Reuter*.

RETIRING "C. J."

SATURDAY NIGHT'S
FUNCTION.

Arrangements are well in hand for the public dinner to be given to the retiring Chief Justice (Sir William Davies K. C.) on Saturday night. Colonel Robertson, who is organizing the function, states that there will be about 150 present and the gathering promises to be a thoroughly representative one.

The list of official guests will be headed by His Excellency the Governor and will include:—the General Officer Commanding (Major General Sir John Fowler), Commodore Grace, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. Chan Siu-ki, and Messrs Li Po-kuai, Ho Kwong, Kan Chi-lung and Ho Fook.

STOLEN FRUIT.

At the conclusion of a case of unlawful possession of half a dozen mangoes, Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Police Magistrate) asked what would be done with the fruit.

Inspector Purden who had charge of the case replied that the mangoes might be sold. They came under the definition of "perishable" and therefore, could not be handed over to the Police storekeeper.

The defendant was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

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SIAM'S WELCOME.

BRITISH NAVAL VISITORS
ENTERTAINED.

The *Bangkok Daily Mail* gives an interesting account of the welcome accorded Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson and party to Bangkok last month. The boats included the "Hawkins," "Petersfield," and "Bluebell," and a series of pleasant functions were arranged for officers and men while the ships were in port. His Majesty the King of Siam entertained the Admiral and his staff to dinner and paid a visit to the "Hawkins." Hockey and soccer matches were arranged between officers and men from the ships, against the Bangkok Sports Club and others, attracted big attendances and were much enjoyed. Local residents seem to have vied with each other to give the Naval Visitors a good time—foremost among them being the British Minister and the British Consul General.

AT THE STAR.

RUSSIAN DANCERS'
SUCCESS.

An encouragingly large audience enjoyed the Royal Russian Ballet's second performance at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night and, to judge from the reception given to the artists, it must have been the general view that the performance was all too brief. The costumes were dainty and effective and the dancing, particularly by the whirlwind cossack couple, was extraordinarily clever. Headed by "Blinky," featuring Hoot Gibson, the picture programme was also quite good. To-night the dancers will offer a new programme and the picture will be changed to "Always Audacious," in which Wallace Reid appears.

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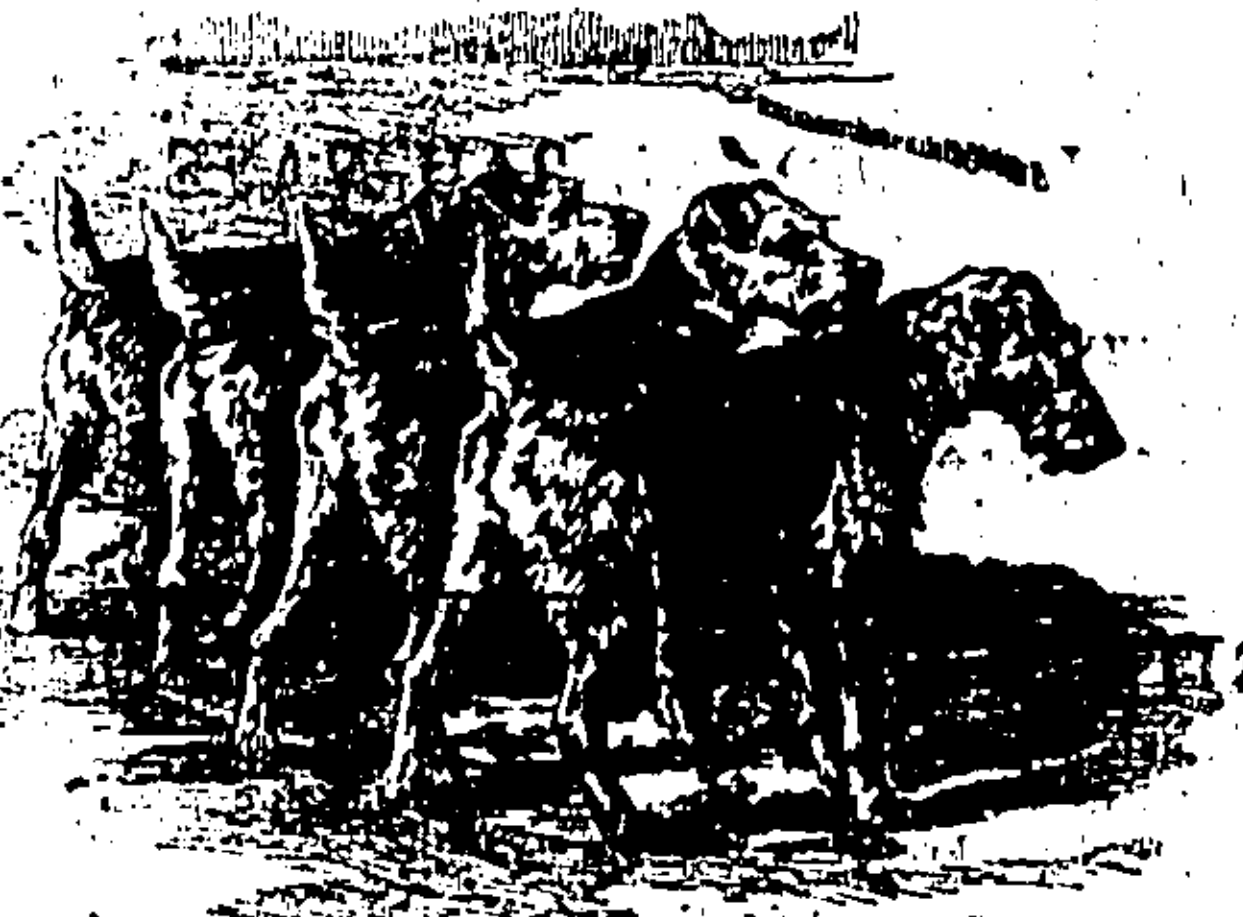
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The Oxford crew. Oxford, rowing a slightly faster stroke, led at the start but at the Mile Post Cambridge were slightly ahead in 4 minutes 4 seconds. Oxford later spurred and gained on the leaders, but they were ragged in their work. Cambridge shot Barnes Bridge in 15 minutes 31 seconds, leading by two-and-a-half lengths, ultimately winning easily.



Prince Cyril
Edna Bond has begun to serve a 34-year sentence in the Stark County Workhouse, in West Virginia. Revenue agents found an immense still in her mountain home. She was sentenced to seven years and fined \$6,000 and costs, which she must work out at the rate of 50 cents a day, keeping her in prison 27 years longer.



Prince Cyril
The Inter-Allied Commission and the Bulgarian Government have consented to the return to Bulgaria of Prince Cyril of Preslav, 25-year-old brother of King Boris, and only heir to the Bulgarian throne. He has just graduated from the School of Engineers in Stuttgart, Germany.



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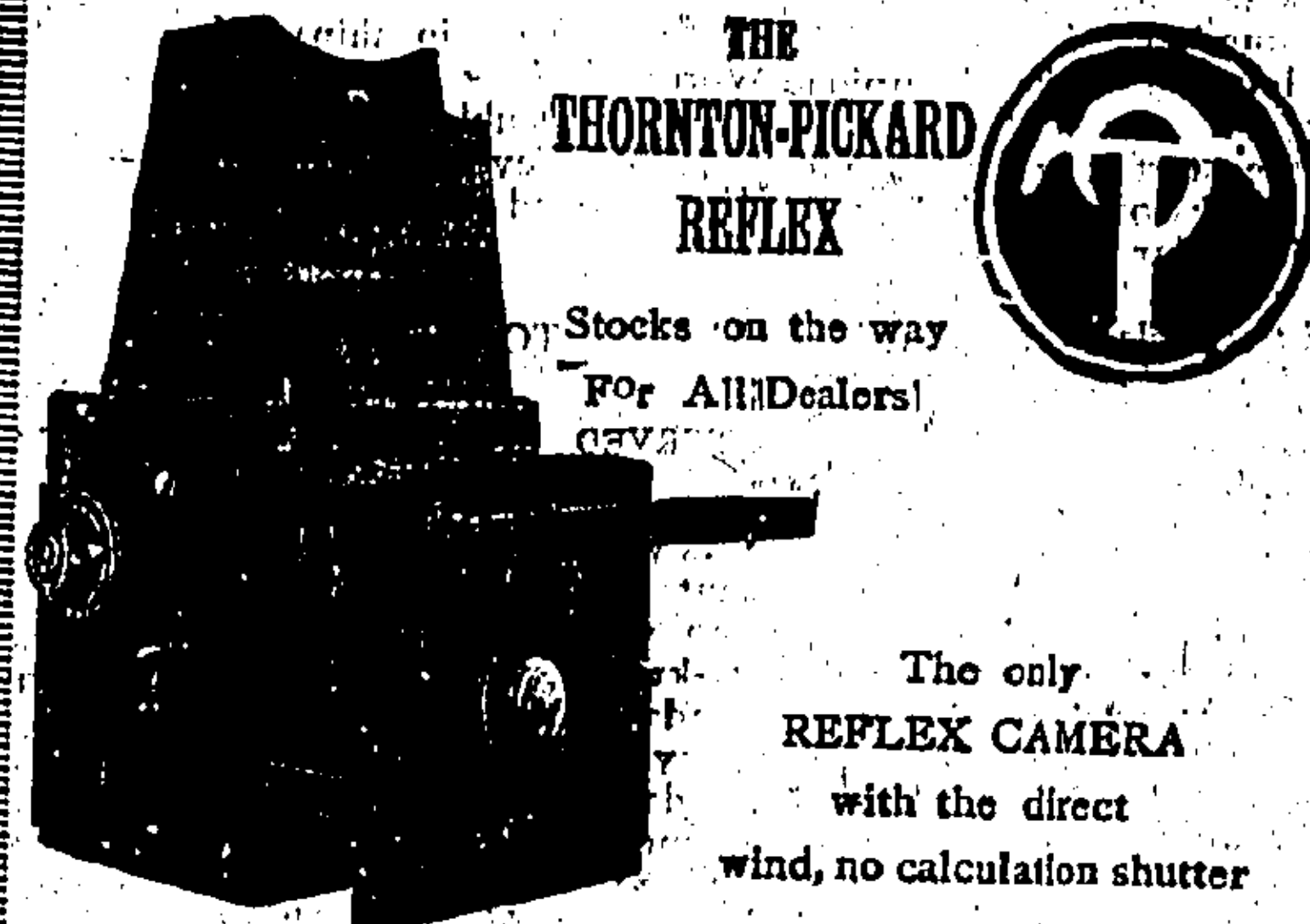
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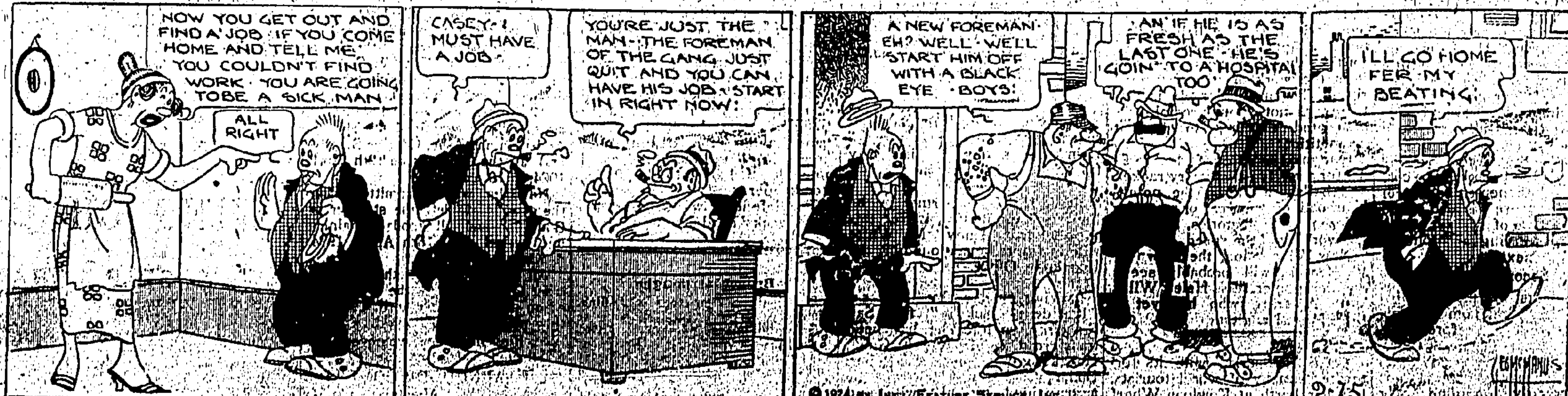
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One of the greatest assets possessed by the international crook is his ability to operate without disguise in the knowledge that he is unknown to the police of the country in which he is planning a coup.

For example, an Australian criminal familiar throughout that continent, may feel safe in operating in Paris, Madrid, Berlin or London. He has no convictions against him in those cities. Therefore his features are not known to the police.

When, however, the "Book of the Bad" has been in circulation for some time every detective watching the haunts of city crooks—the great hotels, the night clubs, the restaurants and clubs, will be familiar with the newcomer.

In the old days, before Bertillon invented his wonderful system of finger print photographs and exact physical measurements, detectives had to study their quarry as they passed through Holloway and Newgate as remand prisoners. It was part of the routine. But it had distinct limitations—it did not help where the foreign crook was concerned.

POOLING OF FORCES.
The whole tendency of modern scientific criminal investigation is towards a pooling of resources by the police of many nations. At a recent Conference in New York when we were represented by the Commissioner of Police, General Sir W. Horwood, a great international drive was planned.

The benefit of concerted action by the police of many nations working in unison is incalculable. It will be no longer possible for the swift travelling crook to make his "get away," for his features will be in the "Book of the Bad" wherever he goes.

Formerly the duties of a constable were routine; but now that a far better educated class of recruit is joining up (they are often old N. C. O.'s and commissioned officers who have made good in the war) the man on the beat looks more than ever for promotion.

The qualities that go to the making of a good detective are in great demand by Scotland Yard where the chiefs are always on the lookout for promising uniformed men for transfer to the plain clothes branch.

What are these qualities of a detective? A quick brain, able to take action without delay, a shrewd insight into human nature, a sceptical frame of mind that examines types without illusion and without respect for outward appearances; tenacity in following up clues and a stout heart in the face of baffling difficulties.

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No. 12, D'Aguilar Street.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 10th 10h 52m—Pressure has
decreased moderately at Wladivo-
stock and Shanghai and slightly
over Tongking. Its nearly station-
ary at other reporting stations.

Moderate monsoon may be ex-
pected along the coast and over
the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m.-to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 5.19 inches,
against an average of 7.61 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending to-
morrow on April 11, 1924.
1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
moderate; fair.
2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lamook. N.E. winds,
moderate; fair.
3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock, N.E. winds,
moderate; fair.
4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds,
moderate; fair.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 10, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature in Shade.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.	Remarks.
Victoria Peak	6 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	6 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	7 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	7 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	8 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	8 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	9 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	9 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	10 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	10 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	11 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	11 a.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	12 m.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	12 m.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	1 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	1 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	2 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	2 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	3 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	3 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	4 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	4 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	5 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	5 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	6 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	6 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	7 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	7 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	8 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	8 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	9 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	9 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	10 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	10 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	11 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	11 p.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	12 m.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—
Central	12 m.	29.94	39	—	—	—	—

Hongkong Observatory, April 10, 1924.

1. BAROMETER reduced to 32 degree Fahrenheit on the level of the sea 41 inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation from the humidity of air saturated at 10 degrees below.
4. DIRECTION of Wind, to two points.
5. FORCE of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE of WEATHER, b blue sky, detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, s squally rain, s snow, c thunder & visibility of dew, w. etc.
7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day	On date at 5 a.m.	On date at 5 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	29.95
Temperature	39	39
Humidity	69	69
Direction of Wind	WNW	SSW
Force	1	2
Weather	0	0
Rain	0.77	0.00

Shaded open air temperature on the 9th-10th lowest open air temperature on the 10th-11th T. F. CLARKE, Director.
Hongkong Observatory April 10, 1924.

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U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pres. Jefferson
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 11.
Shanghai 10.30 a.m.
Manila Noon.
Japan 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 4.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 12.
Amoy and Manila 10.30 a.m.
Swatow 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong 1 p.m.
Saidon 1.30 p.m.
Saidon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 14th May. Ship sails on Sunday the 13th inst. at 4 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 13.
Hohow and Haiphong 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 9 a.m.
Manila 9 a.m.
Java via Batavia 9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 14.
Straits 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 15.
Swatow and Bangkok 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok 1 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 17.
Shanghai, Japan and VICTORIA B.C. via Victoria B.C., May 16th Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superimposed "Via Siberia" only)
Saidon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 16th May. Parcel 5 p.m. 18th Apr. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 7th May. Parcel for Canada only—May 17th 5 p.m. Registration 18th May 10 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19.
Manila, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 18th Apr. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.59 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.
Correspondence bearing vessels names only.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Gladius" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Apr. 9 for this port and is due here tomorrow p.m. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Apr. 14.
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Garfield" which is due at this port on Apr. 14, sailed from San Francisco on Mar. 15, on schedule.
The B. F. s.s. "Patroclos" left Liverpool on Mar. 16 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Okohio, Yoko and Delly and is due here on or about April 14.
The H. S. s.s. "Adolf Von Beyer" left Singapore yesterday 6-6 a.m. and is due here on Tuesday Apr. 15 5-5 a.m.
The U.S.E. s.s. "Andes Maru" left Singapore on Apr. 7 and is due here on Apr. 15.
The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" which is due at this port on Apr. 22, sailed from Seattle on Apr. 4, on schedule.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per a.s. "West Kaita" remaining undelivered after Apr. 13, will be subject to rent. Agents—Arnhold & Co., Ltd.
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registering meters is a striking

example of the cumulative effect

of little losses, comments the Daily

Mail

It is probably no exaggeration

to say that every one of its does

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wasting millions of pounds' worth

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Take the forms on which

telegrams are written, for example.

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are satisfied with the wording of

your message? If you are ex-

ceptional, for the postal authorities

estimate that more than 70,000,000

find their way into the waste-

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A dripping tap wastes a certain

amount of water, but it was not

realised how gigantic was the